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FRENCH PESSIMISTIC REGARDING FUTURE OF THE GOLD BLOC



Emperor Haile Selassie, emperor of Ethiopia, hired Pittman Potter, erstwhile University of Wisconsin professor, to advise his country in the present crisis caused by the clash with the Italian army on the border.

"AUTOMOBELLES" London Press Ridicules Police Trap Scheme

BANDIT HOLD-UP DANGER SAID TO BE INCREASED

London, To-day.
A storm of criticism, ranging from indignation to ridicule, is passed in to-day's morning papers on Lord Trenchard's motor police trap news of which was cabled yesterday.

The idea of plain-clothes police as speed spies is described as unfair and un-English and it is pointed out that the Road Traffic Act provides that motorists are only obliged to halt for the signal of a uniformed policeman.

It is also pointed out that the police will be unable to sound their gongs in the silence hours, while the regulation will increase the danger of bandit hold-ups, because motorists will not be able to distinguish between gongsters and gangsters in deserted suburban streets at night.

SUGGESTED NAMES
The Daily Express suggests that the policemen trappers be called "Mobile Marys," "Prowling Poodles," "Automobiles," "Watchful Winnies," "Brake On Your Broke Girls," "Speedsweeties," or "Lynx-eyed Lizzies."—Reuter.
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BANDITS DEFEATED IN KIANGSI

Women Bandits Among Those Captured

Canton, To-day.
A regiment of the Kwangtung First Army Corps killed more than 100 bandits with a seizure of 23 machine guns and over 100 rifles in an encounter with the first and second branch corps of the bogus South Kiangsi Army in Pan-ling on Saturday last, according to a telegram received here from General Yu Han-mow yesterday. The outlaws taken prisoners were several hundreds, including woman bandits.
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BRITISH PREMIER INDISPOSED

Attends Cabinet Meeting Despite Severe Cold

London, To-day.
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Prime Minister, had sufficiently recovered from his severe cold to come to London yesterday in order to preside over the usual weekly Cabinet, but he returned to Chequers afterwards and will remain there until next week, when he hopes to resume his Parliamentary duties. — British Wireless Service.

TREATY IS FLOUTED

FRANCE AROUSED BY GERMANY'S NEW AIR DECLARATION

Legal And Diplomatic Questions Raised

FLAGRANT CONTRADICTION OF ANGLO-FRENCH COMMUNIQUE

Paris, To-day.
Germany's official admission of the possession of an air force is unlikely to be accepted in silence here.

It is pointed out that the admission of an infraction of the Treaty of Versailles raises a number of legal and diplomatic problems, which the Quai d'Orsay is examining, and introduces into the Simon negotiations in Berlin a new factor, "which should normally lead the Governments interested to take concerted action in accordance with the agreements of Rome and London."
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AIR CONFERENCE IN AUSTRALIA

Encouraging News Received

London, To-day.
The under-Secretary for Air, Sir Philip Sassoon, said yesterday that while he was at present unable to make a statement regarding the recent conferences in Australia on the Government's air-mail policy the recent telegram received about the proceedings was generally encouraging. — British Wireless Service.

AIR SERVICES OF BRITAIN

29,000,000 Passenger Miles Flown In 1934

London, To-day.
Sir Philip Sassoon, Under-Secretary for Air yesterday stated that 29,000,000 passenger miles were flown last year in the regular United Kingdom air transport services in Britain and abroad.—British Wireless Service.

SIGNATURE OF SINO-JAPANESE PACT CERTAIN

When Japan Secedes From League

AGREEMENT OF DEFINITE ALLIANCE

[From Our Own Correspondent]
Canton, To-day.
Nanking reports stated on Tuesday night that the National Government will conclude a definite alliance with Japan, covering political, military and economic questions, on March 27 when Japan formally secedes from the League of Nations. The agreement, it is understood, includes a big loan from Japan and excludes any financial assistance from the United States and Great Britain. Japan undertakes to help China in freeing herself "from the international yoke" and to help her to stand on her own feet. In general, the Nanking Government and Japan will co-operate for co-existence and co-prosperity. Mr. Wang Ching-wei, President of the Executive Yuan, has a clear conscience in making friends with Japan.
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The schooner "Seth Parker" on which Phillips Lord (left) shows with his sailing master, Capt. Constantine Flink, is making a South Sea Islands cruise, safely rode out a South Pacific hurricane last month, after sending out distress messages. The British cruiser, H.M.S. Australia, carrying H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester to England, rushed to the vessel's assistance. Lord is known to radio listeners as "Seth Parker."

RANGERS V. HEARTS IN SEMI FINAL

NATIONAL PUBLICITY BUREAU

Committee Of Three Appointed

NATIONAL PARTY PROSPECTS NOT BETTERED

London, To-day.
The National Publicity Bureau to carry out a propaganda work for the National Government will be established under the control of a committee consisting of Sir Kingsley Wood, the Postmaster-General, Lord Hutchinson, and Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, the Premier's son and Parliamentary under-Secretary for the Dominions, representing the three parties.

Lt-Colonel E. H. Davidson, will be the organising secretary of the Bureau which will work in close collaboration with the existing existing Party.

The organisation will make known the policy, achievements, and plans of the National Government.

The formation of the bureau in no sense heralds the formation of a National Party.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S TRADE INCREASES

Export Figures Show Big Improvement

London, To-day.
A fresh rise in Britain's trade is shown in February's figures, exports being £34,098,000, which is an increase of £4,038,000, or 13 per cent, as compared with February 1934.

Imports were £56,302,000, which is an increase of £10,920,000. Thus the adverse trade balance for January and February is only £22,204,000, as compared with £22,204,000 for the corresponding period last year.

The increased exports were chiefly manufactured goods.—Reuter.

PORTUGUESE SLOOP WILL ARRIVE HERE ON MONDAY

The new Portuguese sloop, Goncalves Zarco, which was due to arrive in the Colony yesterday from Macao, has extended her visit to Macao and consequently will not arrive here until Monday. The ship is on a tour of all the Portuguese colonies, and, after visiting Hong Kong, will proceed to Shanghai and Japan.

SENATE AMENDS MONUMENTAL RELIEF BILL

Preventing Expenditure On Additional Armament

Washington, To-day.
The Senate has amended the Administration's monumental relief bill so as to prevent expenditure on additional work on munitions, warships, and military material.—Reuter.

STRACHEY ON BAIL

WILL FIGHT FALSE CHARGES TO LAST DITCH

U.S. LECTURE TOUR CONTINUED

Accused Of Subversive Propaganda

New York, To-day.
Mr. Evelyn John St. L. Strachey, the well-known British author, for whose arrest and deportation a warrant was issued by the Federal immigration authorities, has been released on bail of \$500.

He has left Chicago for Cleveland, Ohio, to continue his lecture tour. He declared that the charges were absolutely false and that he will fight them to the last ditch.—Reuter.

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HAVANA REDS IN HIDING

Government Threat Taken To Heart

Havana, To-day.
The strike of Government servants and school teachers is breaking up. The postal service are normal. The Government threat to adopt the American method towards "public enemy No. 1" has frightened the Communist leaders into hiding.—Reuter.

ABERDEEN WILL MEET HAMILTON

SCOTTISH CUP DRAW

GAMES ON MARCH 30

London, To-day.
Glasgow Rangers, League and Cup holders, will meet the Hearts in the semi-final round of the Scottish Cup at Hampden Park on March 30. In the other semi-final game Aberdeen will meet Hamilton Academicals.

The Rangers eliminated the Hearts in their Third Round clash last season by the odd goal in three, while Aberdeen also lost to the holders in the following round by an only goal.

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The draw, as cabled by Reuter, is:—

Rangers v Hearts (Hampden Park).
Aberdeen v Hamilton (Ground not yet fixed).

ORIENT DRAW WITH BRISTOL CITY

St. Johnstone Win Over Albion

London, To-day.
Two games were played in the Third Division (South) of the English Football League yesterday, Clapton Orient holding Bristol City to a goalless draw in any away fixture, while Torquay shared two goals at home with Millwall, who advanced one position in the League table as a result.

In the Scottish League, Albion lost at home to St. Johnstone by 4 goals to 2. The Saints are now in the fourth position in the table.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST

Moderate anticyclones cover central China and south Manchuria, pressure being highest over the lower Yangtze Valley. The depression is passing into the Pacific to the east of Japan. The local forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning, was: north-east winds, light to moderate; fair, some fog or mist in early morning.

BELGIUM'S DEMAND

FRANCE MUST INCREASE HER IMPORTS

Entry Into Sterling Bloc Considered

ITALY HAS PRACTICALLY ABANDONED GOLD

Pound And Dollar Aided

Paris, To-day.
Market circles are viewing the future of the Gold Bloc with misgiving.

A strong short interest yesterday developed against the Belgian franc, but it is felt that this currency will only fall if and when Belgium takes a decision, as the market is too narrow to permit of a short attack with success.

It is stated that at the forthcoming Franco-Belgian conversations Belgium will demand that more Belgian products be imported into France, but France is already at a loss to consume such products, which are identical with her own.

It is rumoured that Belgium will ask this favour as the price of keeping the Belgian franc at its present parity, but that, if no commercial arrangements are concluded, Belgium will enter the Sterling Bloc.

It is observed that Italy has practically abandoned gold, with an 8 per cent. discount on the lira, and is now profiting by the exchange bounty. These misgivings cause the strength of sterling and U.S. dollars, the latter of which is expected shortly to reach the gold export of Paris.—Reuter.

PRINCES' VIEWS ON INDIA BILL

Issue Of "White Paper" Promised

London, To-day.
The Secretary for India, Sir Samuel Hoare, stated in the House of Commons yesterday that he hoped to issue, in a few days, a "White Paper" giving the text of the criticisms of the Government of India Bill, as communicated by the Princes and their Ministers to the Viceroy, and the comments of the British Government thereon.—British Wireless Service.

MR. MACDONALD OUTLINES REASONS FOR WHITE PAPER

WRITES ARTICLE IN "NEWS LETTER"

PEACE PROSPECTS DETERIORATE

London, To-day.
Reasons necessitating the adoption of the policy set forth in the recent "White Paper" on defence are referred to in an article which the Prime Minister contributes to this week's "News Letter," the National Labour fortnightly. He says, he was greatly concerned at the way in which the peace prospects of Europe were deteriorating, and that a virtual deadlock had been reached at the Disarmament Conference, and he had been impressed by the supine indifference which many people in Britain seemed to display towards the trend of world armaments.
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Miss Grace Lee Brandon, San Antonio stenographer, appears in court at Topeka, Kansas, to testify for the government in the murder trial of Major Charles A. Shepard. The former army surgeon is accused of having poisoned his wife to be free to marry Miss Brandon.

CHENGI CAPTURED

Bombing Planer Confirm Earlier Reports

CANTON TROOPS UNDER GENERALISSIMO

Chungking, To-day.
Aeroplane returning from bombing flights over the Communist front confirm the reports of the capture of the strategically important city of Chengti on the road between Kwangtung and Chungking. Three squadrons of Central Government aeroplanes make daily bombing flights to the fronts. Recent reports that the Kwangtung and Kwangsi forces had been ordered by the Central Government not to enter Kweichow province are entirely unfounded. General Chen Chi-tang, Pai Chung-chi have wired the Generalissimo pledging their whole-hearted support in the anti-Communist campaign and placing all the Kwangtung and Kwangsi troops at his disposal. Yesterday afternoon the Generalissimo, with Madame Chiang, inspected Chungking University.—Reuter.

EUROPEAN PEACE PROBLEMS

East And West From One Question

London, To-day.
The Ministers of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania yesterday called separately on Sir John Simon, the Foreign Secretary, to express on behalf of their respective Governments their approval of the communique issued on February 8 at the end of the London conversations. The Ministers also stated as the view of their Governments that European security in both East and West is in fact one question and that measures to ensure security in the East are eminently to be desired. — British Wireless Service.

SIR JOHN SIMON'S BERLIN VISIT

Leaving England On Sunday Week

London, To-day.
Sir John Simon, British Foreign Secretary, and Mr. Anthony Eden, Lord Privy Seal, will fly to Berlin on Sunday week and the Anglo-German conversations will take place on March 25 and 26. The British Ministers will stay at the Adlon Hotel. The date of Mr. Eden's independent visit to Moscow is still under discussion with the Soviet Government, but it is hoped to make an announcement shortly.—British Wireless Service.

MAIL SCHEDULES

PARCEL POST

A schedule of revised parcel post rates, including many reductions, is exhibited in the Parcel Office, G.P.O. The rates will take effect as from 1st March, 1935.

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INWARD. MAILS.

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FROM JAPAN

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Tilawa Mar. 14
Fres. Hoover Mar. 14
Tilawa Mar. 14
Emp. of Japan Mar. 15
General Sherman Mar. 15
Alipore Mar. 15
Pres. Garfield Mar. 15
Lyons Maru Mar. 15
Hakusan Maru Mar. 17
Taiyo Maru Mar. 17
Philippines Mar. 19
Nako Maru Mar. 20
Atsuta Maru Mar. 22
Carthage Mar. 22

FROM SHANGHAI

Malacca Maru Mar. 14
Pres. Hoover Mar. 15
Emp. of Japan Mar. 15
General Sherman Mar. 15
Pres. Garfield Mar. 15
Hakusan Maru Mar. 17
Conte Rosso Mar. 17
Taiyo Maru Mar. 17
Carthage Mar. 22

FROM MANILA

Kamo Maru Mar. 21

FROM U.S.A.

Pres. Hoover Mar. 14
Emp. of Japan Mar. 15
Pres. Garfield Mar. 15

FROM AUSTRALIA

Kamo Maru Mar. 21

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Tokio Maru Mar. 14
Douchon Mar. 14
Kashima Maru Mar. 14
Kamsang Mar. 14
Mayebashi Maru Mar. 17
Mayebashi Maru Mar. 17
Soudan Mar. 19
Tatma Mar. 19
Tahima Maru Mar. 22

OUTWARD. MAILS.

FOR EUROPE

Conte Rosso (via Brindisi) Mar. 15
Closes: Reg. 3 p.m. Ord. 3.30 p.m.
Pres. McKinley (via Siberia) Mar. 15
Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.
Hakusan Maru Mar. 15
Kashima Maru (Air Mail ex Imperial Airways) Mar. 16

FOR SHANGHAI

Pres. McKinley Mar. 15
Kashima Maru Mar. 16

FOR JAPAN

Pres. McKinley Mar. 15
Kashima Maru Mar. 16

FOR MANILA

Pres. Hoover Mar. 14
General Sherman Mar. 15
Emp. of Japan Mar. 15

FOR U.S.A.

Pres. Hoover Mar. 14
Emp. of Japan Mar. 15
Pres. Garfield Mar. 15
Pres. McKinley Mar. 15
Kashima Maru Mar. 16

FOR STRAITS

Conte Rosso Mar. 15
Tilawa Mar. 18

FOR INDIA

Hakusan Maru Mar. 15
Tilawa Mar. 18

The Woman's Page



London's Brilliant April Programme

(By MARIANNE MAYFAIRE)

London. preparing for Royal guests who are coming to England for the Jubilee Edwardian Social Round

The realisation that there is not to be the usual break in the season this April is having its effect on plans. The Duchess of Portland intends to hold two ball committee meetings in what is normally a month of closed shutters in Mayfair. She expects good attendances, among her committee being Lady Searesdale, Lady Shaftesbury, Lady Ashfield, Lady Huntly, Lady Aylesford, and Lady Rosalind Northcote.

Behind the scenes in Mayfair's town houses, however, everything will be bustle and activity. April will be a month of intensive preparations. Some hostesses will be

HOSTESS'S TIME SHEET

So exacting are the demands upon their time now that women are compelled to plan even their pleasure with business-like efficiency or the rigidity of the school-girl's time-table.

The studio portrait has disappeared from her writing desk and in its place now stands, similarly sized and framed, a complete calendar for one month. The page is carefully subdivided, however, and beside each day space is allocated for forenoon, lunch, afternoon and evening—in striking contrast to the days when invitation cards were dropped casually on the mantelpiece.

PAINTED LINOLEUM

Painted linoleum should never be scrubbed with a hard brush, but merely wiped over with a cloth wrung out in cold water. Polish with a reliable furniture cream.

VIA SIBERIA—Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

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NEW WAYS WITH LACE

Victorian Vogue Returns

Lace and various fancy nets will be among the popular evening selection for the coming season. Lace will be revived in many ways. The old method of veiling faces and necks over satins and silks is a pleasing one. For dinner frocks it is particularly pretty, as so many of the new half-sleeves are left open and full. Lace fallings away from the arm is graceful.

There are many very attractive lace capes completing dinner frocks of lace. Another Victorian vogue that has returned is the use of two or more laces in one garment. For example, distinctly Ascott in character was a deep cream fine gurgure, with lines worked alternatively with fine Chantilly. The belt, collar, and cuffs were beautifully shaped pieces of a deep coffee shaded of Point-de-Venice. Interesting, too, was its bustling petticoat of palest beige taffeta.

Some taffeta lace and muslin frocks will show tiny puffs in the sleeves, but it seems likely that the clear shoulder-line will prevail.

Tartan Fabric Furnishing

Lustrous Finish

Even the new spring furnishing fabrics reflect the festive spirit of the approaching Jubilee celebrations.

Tartans will be as new and smart in the furnishing world as in the realm of fashion. Authentic tartan cottons, smooth and washable, make colourful cushions, curtains, and chair-covers.

The neutral oatmeal, beige, and off-white shades of last year will give place to definite colours. Reds, yellows, various shades of light blue, and shrimp pink are first favourites.

The latest reversible printed fabric has the faintly lustrous finish which is newly fashionable. This is of a very soft texture, and the colours are guaranteed fast.

Printed cotton cloths for chair and soft covers include a very delightful modern "lightning" design in various shades of brown on a buff ground, and another showing white and dark brown flowers on a clear pink ground.

DECORATIVE EVENING TREND

The new waistline is seen in a novel belt of glass thread. Shoulder straps match.

The frilly hem of a taffeta petticoat peeps out from the foot of the black velvet gown, and a dainty floral bracelet brings an affective touch of bright colour into the scheme.

WALL LIGHTS

Modern rooms with more or less bare walls will stand wall-lights. Cove cornices, which so often form part of the scheme, are eminently suitable for lighting effects, not only near the wall, but as often as not with deflected light shining up to the ceiling.

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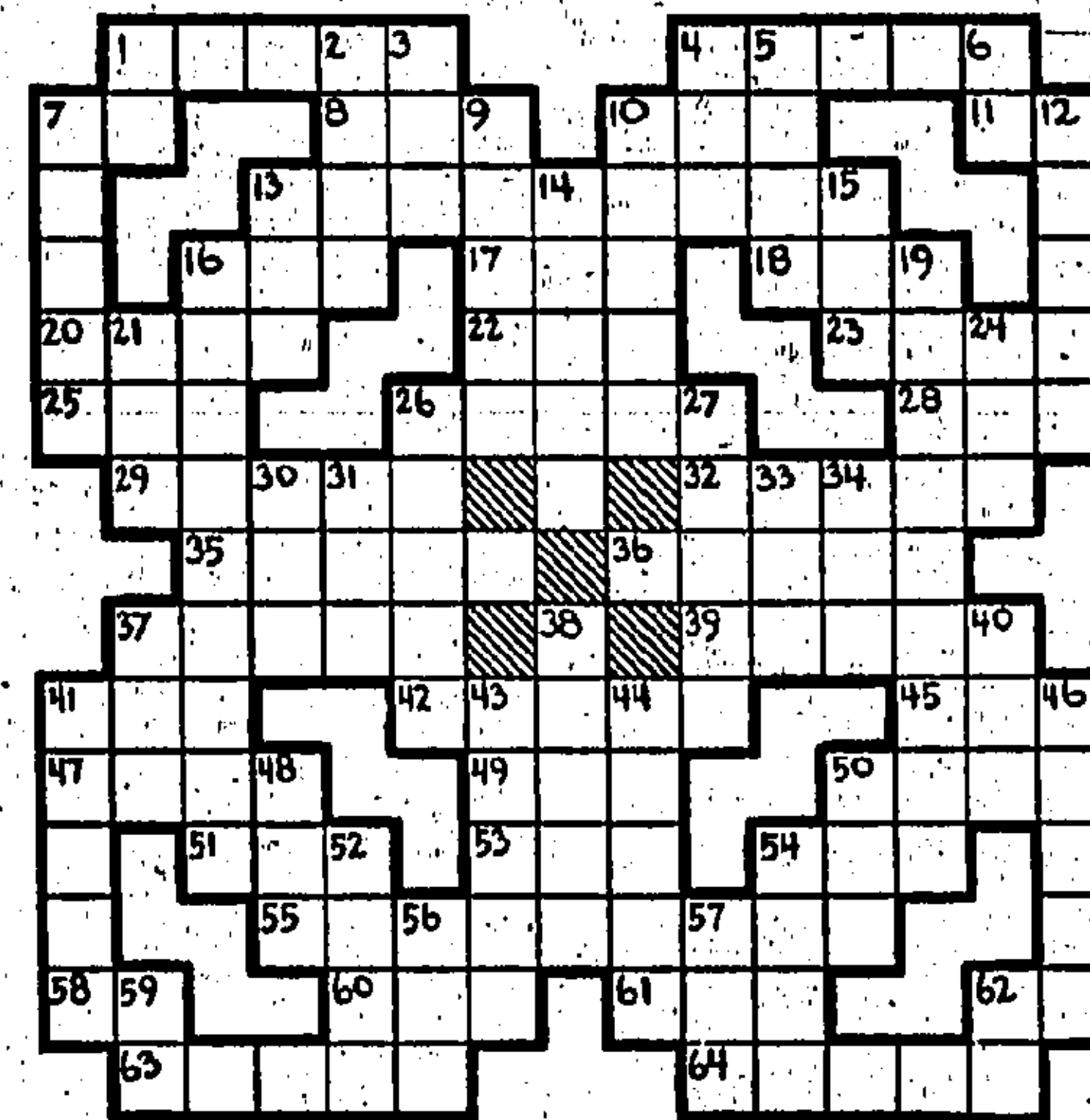


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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



- HORIZONTAL**
- 1-Junction
 - 4-Gains
 - 7-Became
 - 8-Vigor
 - 10-Aged
 - 11-Conjunction
 - 15-Pleased
 - 16-Sole
 - 17-Small child
 - 18-Recent
 - 20-Adherent
 - 22-Before
 - 23-Departed
 - 25-Relative (abbr.)
 - 26-A song bird (pl.)
 - 28-A maritime distress signal
 - 29-Material used for vells
 - 32-Endure
 - 35-River in France
 - 36-Saw loosely
 - 37-Helped
 - 39-Boxes
 - 41-Past
 - 42-Splash
 - 45-Lace fabric
 - 47-A church festival
- HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**
- 49-Girl's name
 - 50-Fright
 - 51-Sister (short)
 - 52-Noise
 - 54-Hinder
 - 55-Recited
 - 56-Musical note
 - 60-Part of 'To be'
 - 61-Flash eggs
 - 62-Indefinite article
 - 63-Part of a dress
 - 64-Give pleasure to
- VERTICAL**
- 1-You and I
 - 2-Egg-shaped
 - 3-Insect
 - 4-Man's name
 - 5-Seaport in Arabia
 - 6-Very
 - 7-Part of a church
 - 8-Head-dress worn by church dignitaries
 - 10-Frequent
 - 12-Raver
 - 13-Tricky
 - 14-Inflamed places on the skin
- VERTICAL (Cont.)**
- 15-Condensed moisture
 - 16-Misleading images
 - 19-One from the West
 - 21-Permit
 - 24-Numbers (abbr.)
 - 26-Cool
 - 27-Cut
 - 30-Guided
 - 31-Falseness
 - 33-Serpent
 - 34-Station (abbr.)
 - 37-Time of life
 - 38-Navigate (abbr.)
 - 40-Ocean
 - 41-Change the form of
 - 43-A V-shaped article for splitting wood
 - 44-More lucid
 - 46-Drill
 - 48-It is (contr.)
 - 50-Hobby
 - 52-Heavenly body
 - 54-A beverage
 - 56-Science
 - 57-Decay
 - 59-Plural suffix
 - 62-Near by

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

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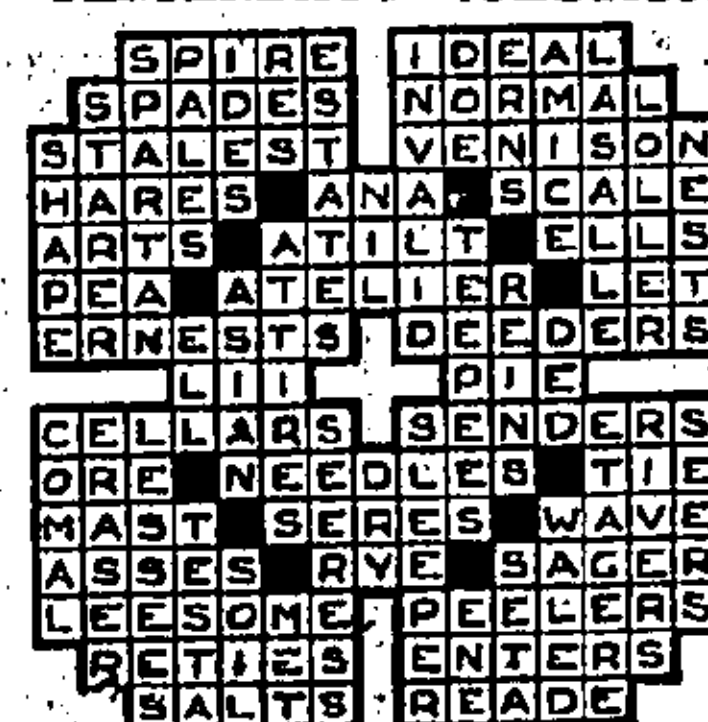
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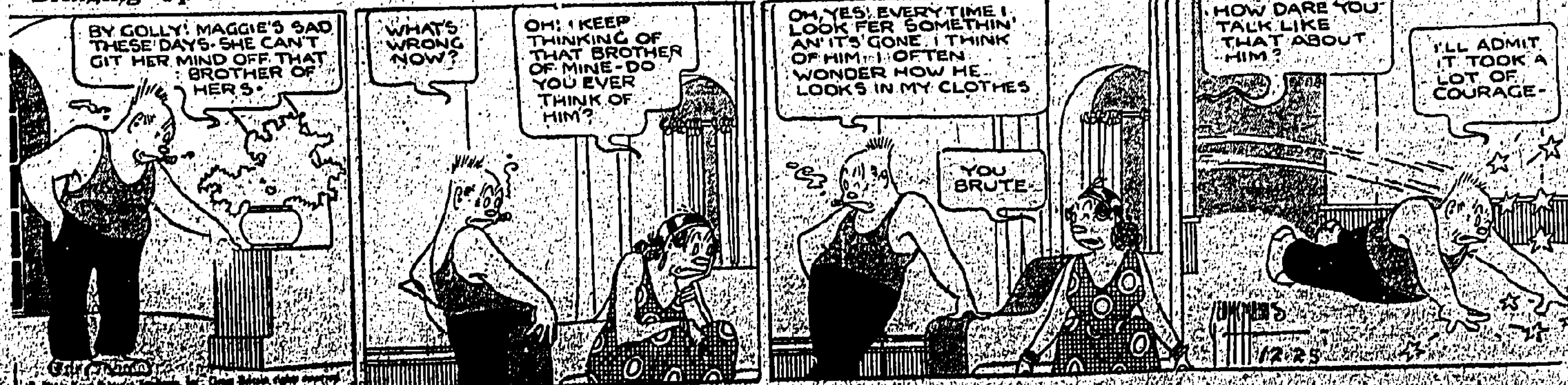
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And Notice is further hereby given that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 20th day of March 1935, both days inclusive.

LIANG CHI HAO,

Managing Director.

Hong Kong, 5th March, 1935.

THE HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 25th March, 1935, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1934.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 18th to 25th March, 1935, both days inclusive.

By Order of The Board of Directors,

E. COCK,

Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 12th March, 1935.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on FRIDAY, the 29th March 1935, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1934.

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TWELFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWELFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office at China Buildings (5th floor) Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 26th March, 1935, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and a Statement of Account for the year ending 28th February, 1935, and of electing two directors and an auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th March to the 26th March, 1935, both days inclusive.

By Order of The Board of Directors,

FUNG PING FAN,

Director and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 12th March, 1935.

GENERAL NOTICES

LADY MARIA CHRISTINE CHATER DECEASED.

ALL CLAIMS against the Estate of the above named deceased must be sent to the undersigned forthwith.

DEACONS,

Solicitors, etc.,

1, Des Voeux Rd. C., Hong Kong.

March 13th, 1935.

KING'S SILVER JUBILEE

Dollar Collection Fund

Managers of business firms and others who have employees are informed that special collection boxes for the Jubilee \$1 Collection are now available at 6 Ning Yuen Terrace, temporary headquarters of the St. John Ambulance Brigade; telephone No. 26238.

The boxes can be obtained from Mr. A. Morris, at the address mentioned above, or from Mr. S. F. Balfour, of the Colonial Secretariat. The Collection is to begin on April 1, between which date and May 1 the boxes should be circulated; when filled, they should be sent to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, which has kindly undertaken to receive same.

DIALON

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Best Prevention and Remedy for Hong Kong Feet, Prickly Heat and all Skin Diseases

In All Leading Pharmacies.

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"ALGIE" BENNETT.

An interesting book of Cartoons depicting "Happenings" on the China Coast.

PRICE \$1.00.

Now on sale at

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BRIDGE NOTES

Information Given By Penalty Double

by Ely Culbertson.

There is a certain very pugnacious type of player who just loves to make a vindictive slam double. There are few calls so gratifying to the Bridge sadist—and few which so often resemble the well-known process of cutting off one's nose to discountenance one's face. As I have often pointed out, the non-informative type of double is often most informative, and proper allowance for this fact should be made before taking the fatal plunge. The double may steer declarer into a makable slam contract in another suit or in notrump, or it may, by locating the outstanding trumps, give him the clue to a finesse, or even a series of finesses which otherwise would be unthinkable. For this reason it is a good rule not to double a slam contract in a suit unless your trump tricks are absolutely certain and, in addition, a successful slam in another suit or in notrump is impossible.

In the following hand West's double gave South the key to a successful finesse not only against the Jack but against the nine as well, thus enabling him to fulfil with ease a contract which would not otherwise have been fulfilled by anyone but a very lucky lunatic.

South, Dealer

North-South vulnerable

NORTH:—

S—A 10 8

H—K J 10 8 6

D—A 9

C—K Q 5

WEST:—

S—J 9 7 6 3

H—Q 9 4

D—5

C—J 8 6 4

SOUTH:—

S—K Q 5 4 2

H—A 7 3

D—K Q J 2

C—A.

EAST:—

S—

H—5 2

D—10 8 7 6 4 3

C—10 9 7 3 2

The bidding:

South West North East

1S Pass 3H Pass

4D Pass 4NT Pass

6NT Pass 6S Pass

7S Dbl. Pass Pass

Pass

It was inevitable that a grand slam should be reached after South, with his four and a half honour tricks, heard North made a forcing takeout which guaranteed at least three and a half more.

As soon as South heard of North's adequate trump support in spades, with all four Aces placed by the "four to five" Notrump Convention, South knew that the combined hands contained eight spades headed by the A.K.Q. and since the chances are approximately two to one that five out of seven trumps will be divided three and two, there is no doubt but that the contract of seven spades was correct.

West's double is the only factor imaginable which could have allowed the contract to be made. By no conceivable reasoning could South have failed to play the spade King as the first trump lead. But after the double, when West opened the four of clubs, South had only to look at his hand and the Dummy to see that there could be no card with which West might hope to win a trick outside of the trump suit. With only four trumps to the Jack West would surely fear the loss of his guarded honour through a finesse; so West obviously must have had five trumps and East would be void.

After winning the club Ace on the first round, South, therefore, led a spade and, when West played low, finessed the eight. Since East showed out the subsequent play was simple. The Ace of hearts constituted an entry to take a second spade finesse, and a diamond lead to the Jack put South in again to draw West's remaining trumps. At this point South needed to exercise some care lest he be blocked. On the King of spades a small heart was thrown, on the Queen of spades, the last trump led, it was necessary for South to discard Dummy's diamond Ace.

This unblocked diamond suit and the King and Queen of diamonds could be led, furnishing diamonds for two more of Dummy's hearts. Now the King of hearts and King and Queen of clubs in



Smiling broadly for the first time since her husband's trial got under way, Mrs. Bruno Hauptmann and the chief defence counsel, Mr. Edward J. Kelly, enjoy a cheering message received in the Flemington courtroom.

Amusements

Cinema Notes

"A WICKED WOMAN"—QUEEN'S THEATRE

Mady Christians, the beautiful Viennese stage and screen star, is featured in her first American picture, M. G. M.'s "A Wicked Woman."

The picture, a dramatic characterisation of a woman's soul shows the glamorous star of "The Waltz Dream" as a modern American woman, struggling to protect her loved ones while herself in the shadow of a fearful past. Based on the story by Anne Austin, it gives Miss Christians a role that covers every human emotion. Comedy interludes are woven into the amazing dramatic plot and there is also a sensational courtroom denouement.

Jean Parker is engaging and still powerfully dramatic as the wayward daughter, and William Henry injects both comedy and drama as the youthful reporter. Charles Bickford gives a virile performance as the newspaper editor who becomes the heroine's lover.

Others adequately cast are Robert Taylor, Betty Furness, Zella Sears, Dewitt Jennings, Paul Harvey, Marilyn Harris, Sterling Holloway, Betty Jane Graham, Jackie Searle and George Billings.

"CONVENTION CITY"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

"Convention City," the First National picture, now at the Oriental Theatre, is a lively satire on the doings of business men at a convention with their wives a long way off. They get into more love tangles than they can get out of. Amazing results occur when two of the wives arrive on the scenes.

A large and talented cast of star players are in the picture, headed by Joan Blondell as a sultry vamp who gets every one into trouble, Adolphe Menjou, Mary Astor, Dick Powell, Guy Kibbee, Frank McHugh, Patricia Ellis, Ruth Donnelly, Hugh Herbert, Hobart Cavanaugh, Grant Mitchell and Gordon Westcott.

"THE VANISHING SHADOW"—MAJESTIC THEATRE

A thrilling mystery drama, the Second Chapter, each a film by itself, of "The Vanishing Shadow," featuring Onslow Stevens and Ada Ince, is now showing at the Majestic Theatre.

The picture deals with hair-raising crimes and strange destructions by means of strange scientific rays.

Others in the cast, who share in the innumerable thrilling scenes are James Durkin, William Desmond, and Sidney Bracy.

Dummy won the last three tricks. Through this extreme case we find an admirable illustration of how important the bidding can be in determining when and how to finesse. In most cases information received from the bidding can tell only which opposing hand should be assumed to hold a missing King or Queen, but the value of information extends to the point illustrated above in which the first finesse is for a nine-spot.

"CHRISTOPHER STRONG"—STAR THEATRE

An adventurous aviatrix who daringly writes youth, romance and adventure in the skies; and a British statesman who has delved into national documents for 20 years with the same pious faithfulness that he has devoted to his wife, figure in a stirring romance by Katharine Hepburn and Colin Clive in RKO-Radio Pictures' "Christopher Strong."

In her 'plane in the skies, Lady Cynthia Darrington has sought speed and altitude records in her quest for thrills so diligently that she has forgotten love and romance. And Chris has been a devoted husband and patriotic diplomat so long that he missed youth's pleasures. Cynthia wrests Chris from his wife, but finally assures the couple's reconciliation at her own fatal cost.

"THE QUEEN'S AFFAIR"—KING'S THEATRE

Anna Neagle and Fernand Graveney are starred in this magnificent British film, "The Queen's Affair," which is now showing at the King's Theatre.

One of the most outstanding scenes in the film is the coronation scene, laid in the palace throne-room with a vast set of Rococo design, 8,000 square feet in area.

"The Queen's Affair" is set in modern times, and is essentially a subject in which comedy and satire are of outstanding importance. For the first time in her career Anna Neagle is called upon to play in several comedy sequences, and Fernand Graveney is given the opportunity to make use of his splendid light-comedy talents.

Gibb McLaughlin, Muriel Ake, Miles Milleon, and Clifford Heatherley lend excellent support.

"PARDNERS"—ALHAMBRA THEATRE

Jackie Cooper, the boy star, is featured with Lila Lee, Addison Richards, John Wray, and Gavin Gordon, in Paramount's current release, "Pardners," based on Will James' book of the same name.

Jackie plays the role of Scooter O'Neal brought up in Chicago and sent West to a ranch by his father when the latter faces arrest. Scooter is hardly on his way when the father commits suicide. The boy leaves for the ranch and is met by "Dobe Jones," the "lone cow-boy" who does not want the boy.

Scooter learns that "Dobe's" wife has run away with Jim Weston and that "Dobe's" aim in life now is to find them and kill Jim. The boy's grief endears him to "Dobe," who promises not to seek his revenge. He finds Jim and Eleanor, but tells them that he will not molest them, but Jim, fearing a trap, reaches for his gun. "Dobe" returns the fire, wounding Scooter. "Dobe's" love for the boy finally brings him peace and happiness and saves him from the justice that threatens to send him to the gallows.

CHINESE PHILOSOPHERS TO BE HONOURED

The National Government has announced in Nanking that on the occasion of this year's anniversary of Confucius' birthday, twelve other leading Chinese philosophers will be remembered with due honours.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programmes will be broadcasted to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station A.H.W. on a wave length of 855 metres, (846 K.C.S.).

DANCE MUSIC FROM HONG KONG HOTEL

12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.

12.30 p.m.—London and New York Stock & Commodity Quotations.

12.35-1 p.m.—Recorded Music.

1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Recorded Music.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins, Rugby Press News, etc.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5.58 p.m.—European Programme.

5-9 p.m.—Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra (by courtesy of the Management).

6-6.50 p.m.—Children's Studio Concert.

6.50-7 p.m.—Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra (by courtesy of the Management).

7 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.03-7.20 p.m.—Vocal Gems.

Faust (Gounod).

Cavalleria Rusticana (Mascagni).

Pagliacci (Leoncavallo).

7.20-7.33 p.m.—Cello Solos by Beatrice Harrison.

Serenade ("Hassan"—Dellus).

Melody (Daves).

Adagio (Marcello, arr. Salmon).

(a) Pastorale; (b) Reel (Cyril Scott).

7.33-7.45 p.m.—William Tell—Overture (Rossini).

7.45-8 p.m.—A Recital by Danny Malone (Tenor).

1. Her name is Mary (Ramsey).

2. When Irish eyes are smiling (Ball).

3. Sweetheart Darlin' (Stothart).

4. Love's Roses (Broones).

8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

8.03-10.30 p.m.—Chinese Studio Concert.

9.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins, London 1 p.m. Stock and Commodity Quotations.

10.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins, Rugby Mid-day Press News, Further London Stock and Commodity Quotations.

10.35 p.m.—Close Down.

8.30-10 p.m.—European Recorded Music from Z.E.K. on a Frequency of 640 K.C.S.

8.30-8.55 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.

In Spring—Overture (Goldmark).

EXCESS FAT MELTS

Under Treatment That Creates Energy

Some folks are naturally fat, but there's a lot of people who put on pounds of unhealthy fat because they haven't got enough energy to move about to keep it off.

It's not laziness in most cases—but a condition brought about by sluggishness of the internal organs—the liver, bowels, and kidneys. As a result, poisons and harmful acids that kill vigour, ambition, and energy get into the blood—the whole general tone of the body is lowered and fat accumulates.

Thousands of overcast men and women find in Kruschen Salts, a perfectly safe, sure, and beneficial means of reducing.

The "little daily dose" of Kruschen keeps the organs functioning properly every day, and fills you with such a feeling of radiant vitality and vigour that before you know it you are fairly "jumping out of your skin" with energy, instead of moping around—and reduction follows as a matter of course.

Bells Across the Meadows (A. Kotelby).

Along the Banks of the Volga (Borchert).

A Musical Jig-Saw (arr. A. W. Aston).

8.58-9.30 p.m.—

Octet in E flat Major, Op. 20 (Mendelssohn).

International String Octet.

9.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins, London 1 p.m. Stock and Commodity Quotations.

9.35-10 p.m.—Talkie Tunes.

Fox-Trot—

Song of the Dreamer ("Marie Galante").

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS' SLOGAN: "EVERY DAY IS AIR-MAIL DAY"

REDUCING DANGERS MANY FEWER CASUALTIES IN AIR FORCE

Increased Squadrons
But Less Deaths

ENGINE FAILURE VERY RARE

The year just ended was the safest the Royal Air Force ever experienced. In spite of further increases in strength and in the amount of flying done, the number of R. A. F. officers and men killed was less than half the average figure for the past eight years, and less than one third the figure for 1926, when the toll reached a peak with 85 lives lost in 54 fatal accidents.

In 1934 there were 19 fatal accidents involving the deaths of 28 members of the R. A. F. In one accident a civilian pilot was also killed. In addition, there was one accident at a civil flying school involving the deaths of three officers of the R. A. F. Reserve.

Saved By Parachutes

Twenty members of the R. A. F. saved their lives by using their parachutes.

In 1933 there were 38 fatal accidents and 53 deaths. The Air Ministry does not publish the flying hours of the service, but I understand that in 1934 there was only one death in every 12,000 flying hours, whereas in 1921 there was one death in every 2,238 flying hours.

For nine years the R. A. F. fatal accidents figures were—

	Fatal	Sqdns.	accs.	Deaths.
1926	61	54	85	
1927	63	40	57	
1928	69	50	76	
1929	73	31	42	
1930	85	45	65	
1931	85	45	75	
1932	88	32	48	
1933	90	38	53	
1934	93	19	28	

Improved Engines

The causes of this marked improvement are probably to be found mainly in the improved trustworthiness in the aeroplanes and engines. Engine failure is a rarity in service machines to-day, and breakage of any part of the air-frame structure is almost unknown with British machines.

Flying discipline has also been improved, and there is less unauthorised low flying and aerobatics. Ultra close formation flying has in the past been responsible for a number of accidents, and there is usually an outbreak of this kind of casualty just before the R.A.F. annual display, when practice in air drill is conducted. There has been less emphasis upon this ultra-close formation work in 1934.

PALTRY INCREASE IN WAR PLANES

Neglect Of British
Air Security

COMPARISON WITH SOVIET
ARMAMENT

Britain has increased its home first-line air strength in the last 12 months by only 28 machines.

This tragic and staggering record of official neglect of the nation's air security was revealed to the House of Commons by Sir Philip Sassoon, Under-Secretary for Air.

On January 1, 1934, he said, there were 425 first-line aircraft stationed in Britain, and on January 1 this year there were 453. This figure was exclusive of aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm in home waters, numbering 108. There were available 127 aircraft of the first-line establishment of non-regular squadrons.

A moment later Sir Philip admitted that there had undoubtedly been "a substantial increase" in the first-line strength of Soviet military warplanes, compared with the number of between 1,300 and 1,500 which he gave a year ago.



Type of regular passenger and mail plane used on Imperial Airways services to the Continent and on the African and Australian routes. These are being gradually augmented with machines of a larger and more luxurious type, with the comforts and conveniences of the most up-to-date railway expresses.

AUTOGIROS' USE IN WAR

CANADIAN AIRWAYS LEAD IN WEST

Ahead Of U.S. In Express
And Freight

SERVICES IN FAR NORTH

Though Canada has no regularly scheduled air transport lines like the United States, its planes are carrying more express and freight than any other airway in the western hemisphere and nearly twice as much freight and express poundage as has been carried by United States foreign and domestic lines. In 1933 American domestic and foreign air lines carried express to the total of nearly 2,500,000 pounds. Canadian airways, according to Government figures, carried 4,206,000 pounds that year. This year Canada's largest air operator carried 2,539,000 pounds for the first six months of this year as compared to 1,573,000 pounds carried by American air lines for the same period.

This tremendous bulk of freight is moved by the air lines which serve the northern areas of Canada far beyond the rail ends and river traffic. Regions in northern Canada which formerly awaited the semiannual dog team or boat now are served monthly by aeroplane.

YENCHI AERODROME PROJECTED

Military Significance
Of Position

Plans are on foot for the construction of a new aerodrome at Yenching, near the Russian border. It is believed that the new aerodrome when completed will be of considerable military significance. (Chekiang Agency).

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URGENTLY-CONSIGNEE GOOD BY AIR-MAIL

In addition to night passenger planes, powerful air-freighters fly off from Croydon during the hours of darkness for destinations far across the continent, carrying mails and urgently-consigned goods. This means that letters and parcels posted in London after business hours close, are delivered early next morning at cities hundreds of miles across Europe.

FRANCE TO ORGANISE BIG AIR RACE

France intends to organise a big international air race on the lines of the England-Australia race. This was announced by General Denain, French Air Minister, who says that it is necessary for France to face courageously the lesson of her technical insufficiency and lack of preparation.

AIR MAIL GROWTH

DUPLICATION OF SERVICE ON MAIN ROUTES

Traffic Increase To
India And Africa

ACCELERATION OF BUSINESS
CORRESPONDENCE

A fresh example of the way in which the air-mail is now rendering out-of-date many of the old methods of business correspondence is to be found in the recent duplication of the Empire services by Imperial Airways.

It was the old routine of weekly sailings with sea-borne mails which led to a time-honoured custom, growing by degrees to an ingrained habit, of setting aside one day a week for preparing and dispatching letters for overseas.

But now such a "one mail a week" habit, if persisted in with dispatches for India and Africa, falls to profit by the improved air facilities available, and places those who still adhere to it at a disadvantage in comparison with rivals who are more progressive.

The position, as it exists at the present time, was explained by an official of Imperial Airways.

Duplicated Services

"At the beginning of this year," he said, "traffic progress enabled us to duplicate our weekly services in each direction between London and Calcutta, and London and Johannesburg. This means that in addition to the previous dispatch each Saturday to India, there is an additional dispatch from London every Tuesday, while on the Africa route, in addition to the previous Wednesday dispatch, there is now another departure each Sunday. But though traffic by these new duplicated services is already heavy in respect to passengers, it is clear from a study of the mail figures that there is still a psychological difficulty to be overcome, and that the old habit of having only one mail-day a week for overseas correspondence is preventing full advantage being taken of the duplicated services now operating."

"It is clear, for example, that far too large a proportion of letters continue to be sent by our Saturday dispatch to India, which has come to be recognised as 'air-mail day,' and far too small a proportion by the new Tuesday dispatch."

"It is the same on the Africa route, the bulk of letters still continuing by the Wednesday mail, and too few by the duplicated service leaving on Sunday."

All Air-Mail Days

"What is now wanted is some slogan to the effect that 'every day is an air-mail day.' In this connection it may be remembered that the Under-Secretary of State for Air, when discussing further increases of frequency just recently, foreshadowed four or five air services a week on such a route as that to India. As it is, since the duplication of the Empire services, the officials at the London airports have to deal with either an incoming or outgoing Empire service every day of the week—while on Sundays two Empire services are now scheduled at Croydon—one outward to Africa and one inward along the same route."

"It can be seen, therefore, that the time has already arrived when there is no need for Empire correspondence to 'accumulate,' or to be delayed by waiting for any particular day in the week. Letters passing by air between England, Egypt, and India, and between London and destinations along the Africa route to Johannesburg, can now be dealt with in a regular flow, just as is inland correspondence between London and the big Provincial centres."

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INTRODUCTION POSSIBILITY CONSIDERED

Substitute For Kite
Balloons

ROYAL AIR FORCE AND
ARMY TESTS

The investigation which is being conducted by the Army and Air Force authorities into the military value of the autogiro or rotating wing aircraft, is in two parts—that which seeks to estimate the scope of this type of machine for certain kinds of Army co-operation work and that which seeks to estimate its scope for aerial fighting.

The major tests in the Army co-operation work will be made during the next training season. In the summer of this year, when R.A.F. squadrons will take part in special manoeuvres, while the fighting tests will be begun with existing types of machine and may lead to the ordering by the Air Ministry of an experimental military autogiro of novel design.

Fighter Or Observer

It is not permissible to give details of the kind of machine visualised by Air Force officers as a rotating wing fighter; but it may be mentioned that Senor de la Cierva, the inventor of the autogiro, worked out many years ago a design for an autogiro with a maximum (Continued on Page 10)

AIR SICKNESS CAN BE UNPLEASANT

Varying Complexions
Of Passengers

CONTROLLED BY THE PILOT

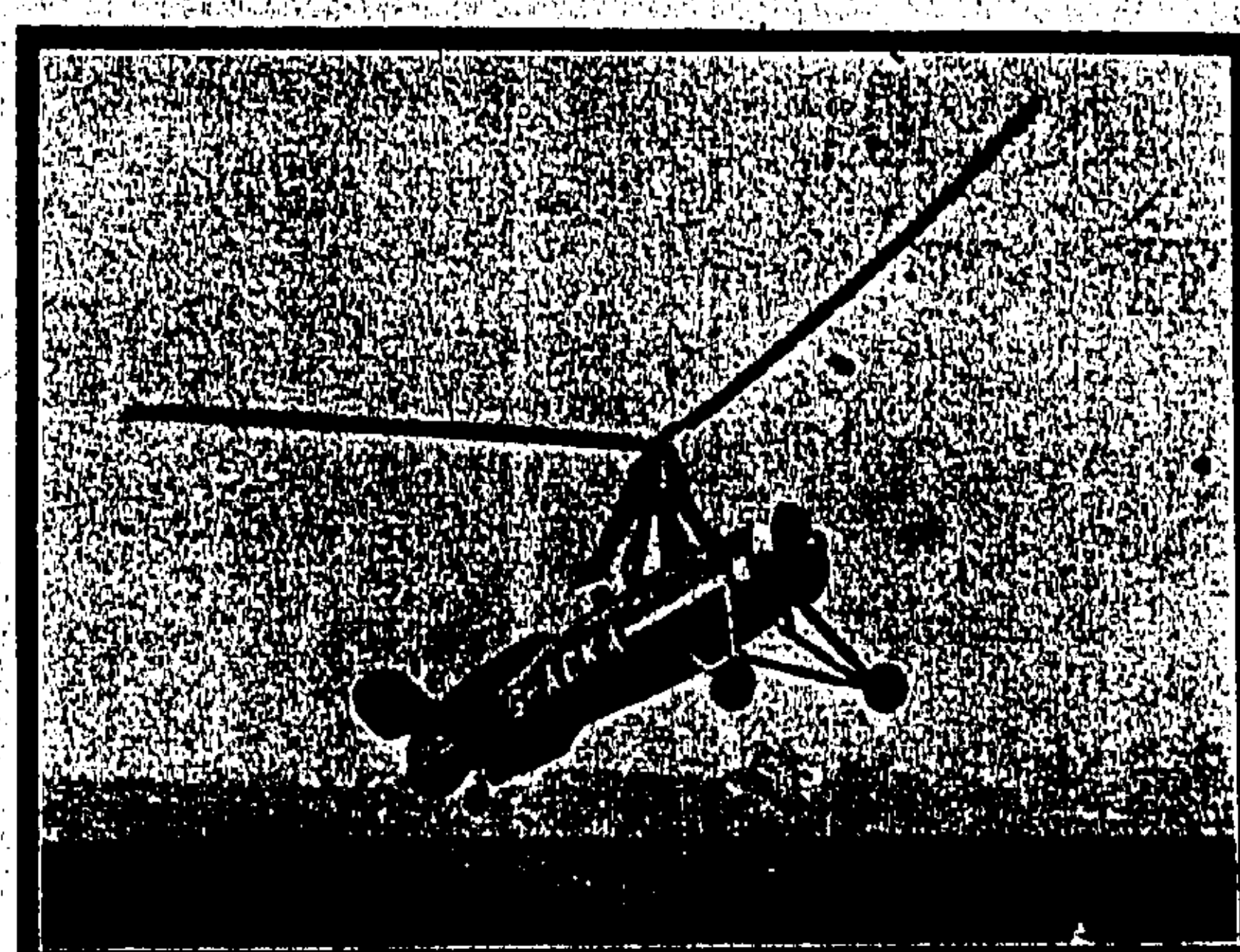
It is very instructive to watch the arrival of two or three machines at Croydon at about the same time on a gusty day, says a writer in "Flight." Certain aeroplanes deliver up their passengers pink and smiling, and all say they have enjoyed the trip. Other machines discharge travellers not so pink and by no means smiling.

It is a matter of the flying qualities of the aeroplane and, above all, perhaps, of the way they are flown and at what height. Several companies make a very great point of the way the pilots fly in bad weather, and explanations are required of pilots whose passengers suffer. It is considered better to have a late arrival due to flying high against a head wind than to make a swift passage flying low.

Night Scenes At Croydon

Each night at London's airport, when darkness begins to fall, the Traffic Controller in his tower moves over certain switches and the aerodrome is illuminated for night flying. Then you see one of the great air-lanes of Imperial Airways, the

saloon lit by shaded lights, vanishing into the darkness en route for Paris. Its occupants, dining in the air, served by waiters, are costumed as if they were in any hotel or restaurant on the ground. And a similar night service brings passengers by air from Paris to London.



A new type of autogiro, without wings or rudder, making its first public appearance at Hanworth, Middlesex. The machine has a top speed equivalent to that of a similarly powered aeroplane, but the pilot has perfect control at the lowest speeds. Senor de la Cierva is seen landing the "direct control" autogiro tail first.

THE AUTOGIRO ADVANCE

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA QUITS ROYAL AIR FORCE

Leaves For Unknown Destination

London. Col. T. E. Lawrence, the officer celebrated for his activities in Arabia at the end of the World War, left the Royal Air Force in which he enlisted as Aircraftman Shaw, early this month. He subsequently left Riddington, Yorkshire, on a bicycle for an unknown destination.—Hava.

AMBITIOUS TOKYO AIR PLANS

Y. 200,000,000 TO BE
SPENT ON CIVIL
FACILITIES

MANY EXTENSIONS

An ambitious scheme for the expansion of the existing civil air facilities within the next few years at the cost of Y.200,000,000 was disclosed in the House of Peers recently by Mr. T. Tokonami, Minister of Communications.

The most important air route extensions planned by the Ministry would, according to Mr. Tokonami, link Japan with Singapore, Kanchi, Saghalien and the Palau Islands in the South Seas, held by Japan under mandate from the League of Nations.

The plans provide for the following lines:
1.—Tokyo to Saghalien via Sapporo in north Japan.
2.—Hokkaido, in north Japan, to Kanchi.
3.—The extension of the line between Fukuoka and Formosa, which will be inaugurated next January, to Singapore.
4.—Osaka to north Korea, via Matsue.
5.—Tokyo to Palau in the South Seas via the Hachijofjima and Ogasawara Islands.
6.—A number of local lines around Osaka and Tokyo.
7.—Local lines in the Chugoku and Kyushu districts.

Mr. Tokonami's statement was made in reply to a question put by Baron Ryotoku Asada.

FLYING HOTELS ON NEW ROUTE

Zurich-London Line
Opens Next Month

A new air service, covering the distance between Zurich and London in three hours will be opened on April 1 jointly by a Swiss company and Imperial Airways. The planes destined to carry passengers along the new line will be flying hotels fitted with automatic steering devices. The line will be a double one, one of the routes passing via Lille and Basle and the other via Paris and Basle.

NO IRISH AIR BASES FOR GERMANY

Paris.—Rumours that Ireland would concede to Germany a number of air bases destined to serve as bases for the Reich air force in war times have been categorically denied by the Irish Legation here.—Hava.

TRACING BUMPS

TRACK GANG OF EXPERTS IN OPERATION

Meteorology's Help
To Fliers

ROUTES TO BE AVOIDED

"Meteorologists are the 'track gang' of the air," Dr. Ford A. Carpenter, chief meteorologist of the weather bureau of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, declared on his recent trip east on a lecturing tour. "Like a track gang on the railroad which spots out the inequalities of the roadbed so that trains may run smoothly, so it is a meteorologist's job, once a flight has begun, to keep the 'roadbed' of the air smooth."

Mr. Carpenter has been flying for nearly 20 years and has been "ballooning" since 1921. In fact he holds No. 1 balloonists' license. He was for a number of years meteorologist at the University of California and then went to his present berth at Los Angeles. In this capacity he has also been consulting meteorologist to TWA, Inc., and American Airlines, transcontinental lines out of Los Angeles.

Bad Piece Of Route

At one point on its transcontinental route, Mr. Carpenter said, American Airlines pilots were flying over a stretch of airway which had a peculiar bumpiness which pilots were unable to account for, a which annoyed passengers to the extent of the airline losing business. Mr. Carpenter was called in. After riding with the pilots for a number of months Mr. Carpenter discovered that the "bumps" were due to the peculiar relation of the winds which flowed across the range of hills that caused the unsettled condition of the air which had troubled the airline. Forthwith pilots of the air company were advised to depart from their compass courses at this point and the airline experienced no further trouble.

Mr. Carpenter claims to have the highest readings ever taken by meteorological balloons. In his office is a barograph recovered from a free balloon which reached 108,000 feet, or nearly 20 miles above the earth!

HIGH-SPEED EMPIRE PLANES

Negotiation Between
Governments

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS PLAN

Sir Philip Sassoon, who was recently asked in the House of Commons what steps had been taken towards the construction of new types of high-speed civil aircraft for use on Empire routes under the Government's revised policy.

Sir Philip Sassoon: As I informed the House just before Christmas, details of the type of aircraft to be employed in connection with the new scheme for the further development of Empire air mail communications cannot be finally settled until negotiations with the other Governments concerned have been completed.

"I am, however, informed that the Board of Imperial Airways have under consideration the order of certain prototype aircraft which will be capable of use under the new scheme."

In a further statement on the development of Empire air services, Sir Philip said that to facilitate the negotiations which were still proceeding, it had been suggested to the Governments concerned that advantage should be taken of the fact that certain representatives of the Air Ministry and the Post Office were about to make an inspection of the routes to arrange for oral discussion.

STARTLING NOVEL TYPE PREDICTED

Cousin Of Original
Model

PROPELLERLESS MACHINE
OF 200 M.P.H.

The early arrival of a wholly new type of aeroplane—a speedy cousin of the autogiro—was predicted by Mr. W. Lawrence Lepage of Philadelphia at the annual meeting of the Institution of Aeronautical Sciences in New York.

His predictions, he explained, are based on conservative tests in several wind tunnels and laboratories.

This new fast autogiro will have no propeller. It will tilt its present windmill gear to the engine and so get its lift and forward drive. It is expected to ascend and descend nearly vertically.

Its indicated speed is around 200 miles an hour.

SAFER AIR TRAVEL

Insurance Companies
As Barometer

NO BETTER PROOF OF
CONFIDENCE

No barometer can tell of the growing confidence in air travel so much as its insurance rates. The news that 14 British insurance companies are forming a new powerful group to cover aviation risks emphasises this confidence.

Already passengers flying with Imperial Airways are covered at the same rates as surface transport.

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The China Mail

Hong Kong, Thursday, Mar. 14, 1935.

Steady National Recovery

The Board of Trade returns for January have served as a tonic. They speak of progress in recapturing little by little the foreign and colonial markets. In the whole table of British manufactured exports there is not one item that does not show increase, and it is in the trades that are most important, and that had been most hardily hit, that the chief gains are recorded. The total increase in exported manufactures is £3,316,000 over January, 1934, and £5,352,000 over January, 1933. Comparing these figures with the export trade of other countries, Mr. Chamberlain might well describe them as remarkable. He sees no reason why there should not be a considerable reduction in unemployment in the coming months, and the export figures bear out his contention that the most any Government can do to create employment directly by public works is trifling compared with the effect of even a small improvement in ordinary trade.

The January export returns confirm the view that the disquieting rise in the unemployment figures was purely seasonal, and confined to home trade, which may be expected to recover quickly. The recent improvement in these figures seemed to give some solid background to that weakening in confidence that had its origin in the speculative troubles in Mingling-lane, and was fed by unfounded stories of a political crisis. Mr. Baldwin's denial of any thought of a General Election did not come until rumour had worked on the nerves of timid foreign holders of British stocks, who threw some of their holdings upon a market that had been steadily rising for months, and in which there had been a good deal of buying with borrowed money. Comparatively small sales in the early days had a depressing effect out of all proportion to the amount of stock offered. Recently there was a recovery of confidence, with quotations climbing back to the levels from which they had fallen. Reflection had shown that there is no warrant for a belief that a halt had been reached in the country's rising prosperity.

Practically all available evidence serves to disprove any such conclusion. Revenue is coming in apace to the national exchequer, and, in spite of increased expenditure, there is a prospect of a realised surplus. The big stores and many industrial enterprises are announcing greater profits; the railways are distrib-

uting more to their shareholders; the national trade returns are better in practically every department. An increase in the number of agreements with foreign countries promises further growth in trade. Money is cheap beyond all previous experience, giving encouragement to fresh enterprise. So far as can be judged there is ahead a long period of steady national progress. The temporary scare may have served a good purpose in demonstrating that irresponsible political rumour is attended with dangers beyond the range of politics so long as the country believes that prosperity is bound up with the continued strength of the Government that mapped out the path to recovery.

CHINESE Y.M.C.A. GRATITUDE

Farewell Dinner To Mr.
J. L. McPherson

RECOGNITION OF 30 YEARS'
DEVOTED SERVICES

The Chinese Y.M.C.A. Board of Directors, Secretariat staff, and friends will honour Mr. J. L. McPherson, M.B.E., with a farewell dinner at the Kam Loong Restaurant on Tuesday next, in recognition and appreciation of his long years of untiring and constructive service to the Y.M.C.A. Mr. McPherson is leaving the Colony on the following Friday on retirement, after 30 years of service.

Devoted Work
Mr. McPherson's name and personality are definitely linked with the growth of the Y.M.C.A. since its inception to the indispensable position it occupies to-day as regards the young people of the community. He arrived in the Colony as a comparatively young man at the beginning of the century to take up the Secretaryship in place of the Rev. W. J. Southam, who was leaving. Through his personality and administrative ability he gathered about him a group of loyal supporters and friends of the Association, whose premises grew from a few-room institution rented on Des Voeux Road where the On Lok Yuen Cafe now is, with a membership of a few hundred to the present large plant at Bridges Street, which is daily serving hundreds of students. The Association to-day has a membership of 2,486, and is furnishing them with many of the pleasantries of home life.

As time passed the need for a Association in growing Kowloon was felt, and in 1922 the Kowloon Branch of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. was opened on Waterloo Road. In 1934 an extension was added as the facilities were found to be becoming inadequate. The aim of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. under the leadership of Mr. McPherson

HERE, THERE and EVERYWHERE

Vanishing Newspapers

With the passing of "Der Deutsche" at the end of February, nine Berlin newspapers will have disappeared in two years of Nazi rule.

"Der Deutsche" was at one time the mouthpiece of the Christian trade unions. Its editor was Herr Stegerwald, Minister of Labour.

It paid its way. When the Nazis came into power it was made the organ of the Labour Front, the Nazi organization which inherited the funds of the old trade unions. Its editor was Dr. Ley.

It lost money. Another Berlin newspaper which was recently disappeared is the "Deutsche Zeitung." Since the Nazi regime it has been the personal organ of Herr Walter Darre, Minister of Agriculture.

The disappearance of these two papers is believed to be a hint of the approaching eclipse of Dr. Ley and Herr Darre.

CANADIAN CHANGES

Another "New Deal," outlined by Mr. Bennett, Prime Minister of Canada, comes at an opportune time for the Canadian Government.

The session which opened last month is the last of the present Canadian House of Commons, which was elected in 1930 for five years.

It is also the last session at which Lord Bessborough, the Governor-general, will deliver the Speech from the Throne. His term of office ends in the autumn.

No plans have yet been made for a successor to him.

Your Daily Smile!

An old Yorkshireman, found wandering in an American town, said he had no idea how he got there. Wealthy Americans who import old-world villages should be careful not to gather up inhabitants with them.

Surprised
"I've worked under the same boss for the last 20 years."
"That's nothing. I celebrate my silver wedding next week."

Even
He: "You know, you're not a bad-looking sort of a girl."
She: "Oh, you'd say so even if you didn't think so."

Tailor: "Well, we're square, then. You'd think so even if I didn't say so."

Tailor: "Maybe, your honour. So many men owe me money now that I can't remember their faces."

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

The Quarry Bay School's Spring Festival will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 9.

The annual meeting of the Hong Kong Society of St. George will be held on Monday, March 25, at 5.15 p.m. in the board room of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, Chan Lin-sing, a banished man, was committed by Mr. W. Schofield to stand his trial at the next Criminal Sessions at the Supreme Court for returning to the Colony from banishment.

Pleading guilty to a charge of stealing a quantity of copper wire from a contractor's shed at the South China Spun-crete Company, Hung Hom, Chan Tin-gun, a 26-year-old watchman, was fined \$25 in default one month's imprisonment by Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

EXTRALITY TO BE WITHDRAWN

As a preliminary to a formal request to withdraw extralimity in the country, the Manchoukuo government is reported to be planning to establish provisional courts at important cities to try foreigners facing charges.

son, has always been in its policy and work, to serve the students and young people, to aid them in the using of their leisure and to help them to become sturdy citizens of the community.

Friends who may wish to join in the farewell reception to Mr. McPherson are asked to make reservations at \$1.00 per person at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Bridges Street, before Tuesday.

MAKERS OF INDIA AMAZING EXPLOITS OF ROBERT CLIVE

HOW BRITONS MADE ORDER
OUT OF CHAOS

(By R. J. Minney)

SOME people may be apt in these lax times to think of India as a country with millions of natives laughing in the sunshine, happy in a Paradise into which the British burst with sword and pistol to crush the guileless peasantry under their heel. But ten minutes with any history book will show you that for 4,000 years, with scarcely any breathing space, the unhappy peoples of India were pounced upon, slaughtered, and ravaged by every swaggering adventurer who cared to come through the mountain passes of Afghanistan—Mongols, Persians, Greeks, Huns, Arabs—until India was no longer a country, but a patchwork quilt of racial remnants, an ethnological museum of types as varied as they are mutually antagonistic.

Order Out Of Chaos

When the British landed as traders, they met with opposition not from Indians but from other European traders.

It became obvious that out of the chaos of warring claimants for Indian thrones, of dissolute princelings covetous and false to their promises, of brigands roving the countryside unchecked, some sort of order had to be evolved.

The men who made India were men of initiative and daring, not afraid to decide and to act. Of them all, Clive's name must stand highest.

He was no more than a shabby, poorly paid clerk when the French conquered Madras and made the entire population their prisoners. Clive, blackening his face and donning to the nearest English settlement and offered to lead a rabble band of soldiery, a mere handful, to the capture of Arcot, capital stronghold of Southern India, no less!

The Daring Of Clive

He marched his little army all night through a blinding rainstorm. The Indians, accustomed to calling a truce when it rained, left the fort and fled in alarm. These were not men, but devils, who were coming against them. At Plassey, to cross the river meant almost certain annihilation. With the British army destroyed the entire white population would be at the mercy of the Indians, at whose head was the evil Suraj-ud-Dowla, who had but lately caused the ghastly death by suffocation of 123 British people in the Black Hole of Calcutta.

With the lives of his own wife and child at stake, Clive did not hesitate to cross the river and defy the Indian horde—60,000 infantry, 20,000 cavalry and heavy artillery—with at his command a mere 800, plus a handful of half-castes and natives, amounting all in all to no more than 3,000. He dared—and won.

A Worthy Follower

Warren Hastings was seven years Clive's junior and served in India under him. He had to consolidate the three provinces Clive had acquired, and found the existing machinery of government appalling, corrupt. Indians in high places filled their own pockets with the revenues, lied and intrigued. Warren Hastings did not shrink from acting against the most exalted. Members of his own Council, from motives of jealousy, thwarted and badgered him and championed the corrupt. But despite all the humiliations Hastings went resolutely on. The peoples of India were protected, given peace and security.

He was most bitterly opposed when Bombay got drawn into war with the Marhattas, and he decided to go to her aid. Though seriously embarrassed financially at the time, he sent troops from Bengal on foot through hundreds of miles of unexplored India. The Indians were impressed and were glad to make peace. They realised that no matter what they did to the British, they could never conquer our spirit.

Napoleonic Intrigue

Wellesley comes next. He was the elder brother of the Duke of Wellington, who was in India with him. During those years Napoleon was so intent on the conquest of India that he actually set out for the East, but thanks to Nelson, never

got farther than the Nile. Through agents, however, he raised enough trouble in India to keep Wellesley embroiled in wars.

To Wellesley the Indians in the territories beyond our frontiers appealed for deliverance. They beheld the benefits of British rule and wanted to be freed from the shameful misgovernment, the chaos, and indescribable evil of the native tyrants.

He found himself at the start confronted by three formidable enemies, likely at any moment to combine against him. He decided quickly and acted. Despite the dangers, he set out against the Nizam of the Deccan, who had a vast army under French command. By a clever stroke of diplomacy and an impressive military demonstration, to the astonishment of all, he had the Nizam's entire army disarmed and disbanded. This bold move saved the situation. Wellington proceeded instantly against Tipoo Sultan and disposed of him in two months.

Mahratta Menace

Another Hastings—the Marquess of Hastings—dealt with the third of Wellesley's enemies—the Marhattas, lawless hordes of armed horsemen, numbering many hundred thousand, who had for centuries spread terror through India. It was a fierce struggle. Again and again our soldiers were hemmed in—at Kirkee, Sitabdi, Koregaon—but the Mahratta menace was finally stamped out and Britain became the paramount power in India. Every native State was compelled thereafter to forget its hereditary feuds and live side by side in harmony.

And so we come to Dalhousie, youngest (he was only 35) and in many ways most important of all. He governed India from a sick bed, but he governed India well.

The Sikh War

The scoundrelly Governor of Multan, who had defaulted in his accounts, caused two British officers to be hacked to death, and liberally rewarded the murderers. Dalhousie did not wait for committees of inquiry to advise and issue their reports in massive blue books. He acted at once. He said: "The Sikh nation has called for war, and on my word, sirs, they shall have it with vengeance." They did. But Sikh loyalty has been such that ever since they have remained the truest of all in India, and, with the Gurkhas, the finest fighters in our Army.

They came to our aid during the Mutiny, which was stirred up chiefly by Nana Sahib, a descendant of the dispossessed Marhattas. In that grave moment in our history, we still had men capable of meeting a situation of appalling danger. Sir Henry Lawrence was there, with his coolness, courage, and determination, to save India.

Then—Whitehall

But with the invention of the telegraph there began the era of Whitehall, meddling omniscience. The men on the spot were shorn of their initiative and became the victims of busybodies far different in temperament and outlook from the great figures who built up the glorious British record in India.

Happily, down to our own times, there have been such names as Curzon and Dyer to be placed worthily beside those of the men who have made India.

STREET FOOTBALL

Four Young Chinese
Fined \$5

Due to recent complaints received by the Police, four young Chinese, including three students of the Chung Nam College, were prosecuted this morning before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Central Magistracy on a charge of playing football at Prince's Terrace, Causeway Road. The defendants were Tam Kong-keung, unemployed, 20-year-old; Mok Tak-ying, and Lam Kin-cheung, three students. A fine of \$5 was imposed on each, and the football was ordered to be confiscated.

BUSINESS TAX COLLECTION ON AMERICAN FILMS

Distributors Refuse Payment

CINEMA PROPRIETORS DARE NOT USE BOYCOTT

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day. While urging the American distributors of talking pictures to assume a part of the business tax, cinema proprietors decided yesterday not to boycott American films. The reason being that if they do not show American pictures there is no other substitute.

In a statement to the press, the Motion Picture Theatres Guild stated that they asked the distributors to bear one half of the business tax levied by the Provincial Department of Finance. The distributors have contracted with local picture palaces generally for 40 per cent. of the receipts from each production. Before paying their share to the distributors, the theatres want to deduct the business tax from the total takings.

The American film companies refuse to bear this tax and insist on net box office returns. The theatres maintain that the film producers should, in fairness, pay their share of the business tax, which is 0.65 per cent. of the net income.

The Canton Municipal Government has been requested to take up the matter with the American consular authorities in Shanghai with a view to settling this matter. The point at issue involves the financial position of the Provincial Government, and the Guild expects that the Government will espouse its cause.

American films are very popular here. Chinese talkies in Cantonese dialogue are also in good demand, but those in mandarin have a very limited appeal owing to local ignorance of the language.

REVENUE EXCEEDS EXPENDITURE

Finance Returns For Kwangtung

Canton, To-day.

According to the report of the Finance Department the national and provincial revenue and expenditures during December 1934 were as follows:

National Revenue \$7,347,256.13.
Provincial Revenue \$7,107,631.25.
National Expenditure \$7,111,361.18.
Provincial Expenditure \$7,022,862.18.—Central Press.

NEW OBSERVATORY IN CANTON

Formally Opened By Mayor Yesterday

Canton, To-day.

The Municipal Observatory at Shekpi, which has been completed, was formally opened at noon yesterday. Mayor Liu Chi-wen officiated at the ceremony.

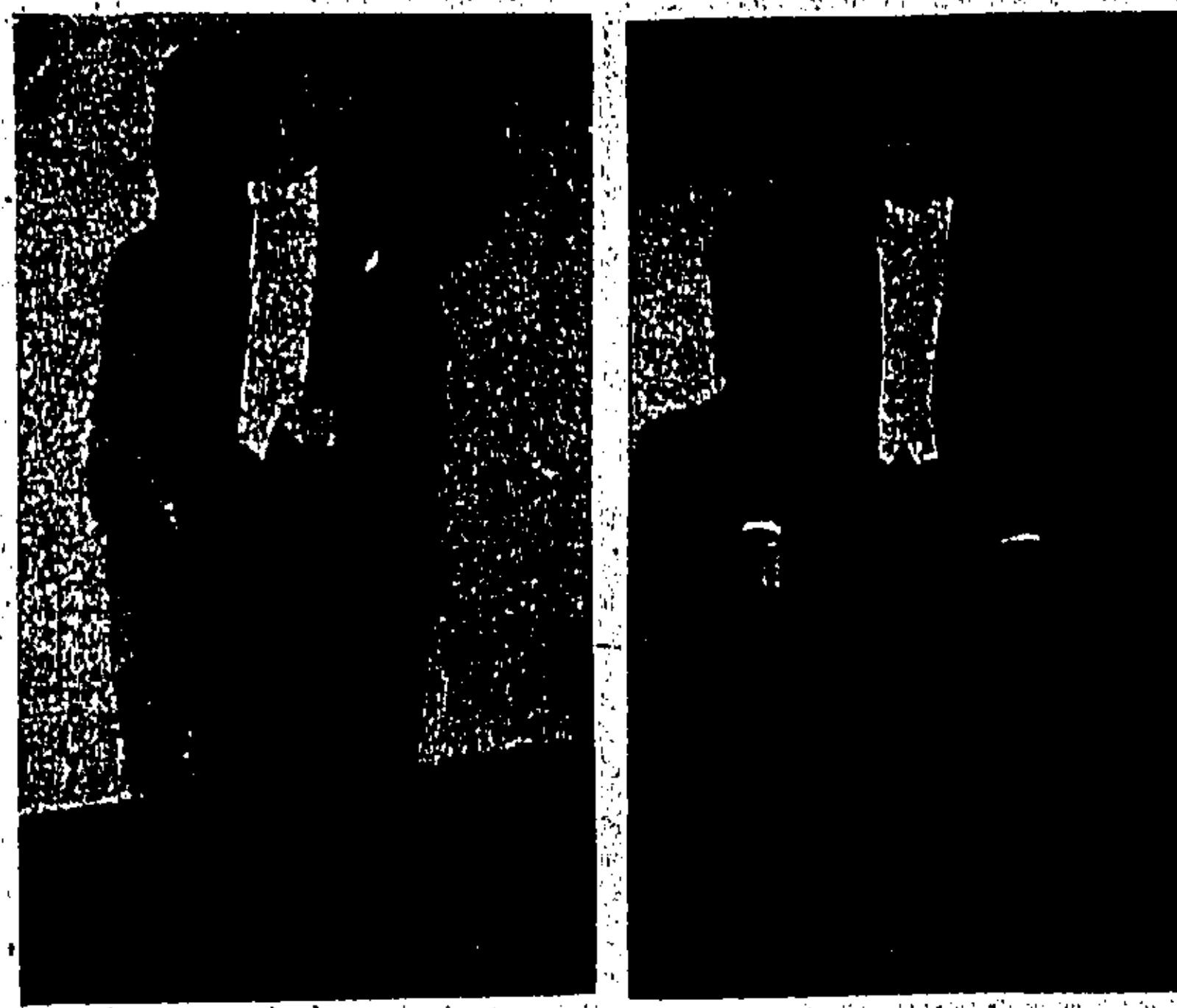
There were more than 1,000 visitors, among whom were directors of various Municipal bureaux and representatives of government organs.—Central Press.

TREATY IS FLOUTED

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FLAGRANT CONTRADICTION
The admission is also a flagrant contradiction of the Anglo-French communiqué of February 8, stating that neither Germany nor any other Power, whose armaments were fixed by the Peace Treaty, has the right to modify its obligations unilaterally.

This was accepted by Germany as the basis of discussion. Moreover the proposed air convention would regularise the existence of a German air force; therefore, before the opening of the Simon negotiations, Germany has granted herself, in advance, and unconditionally, advantages which should have followed from the air convention.—Reuter.



Jimmy Ramsey (left), and Billy Yee who competed in the tap dance contest in conjunction with the Shirley Temple film "Bright Eyes." The name of the lucky winner will be announced at the 2.30 performance at the King's Theatre on Saturday.

DAIRY FARM CO. MEETING

PROFITS DOWN OWING TO COOL AND WET SUMMER

Substantial Reduction In Sale Of Summer Commodities

SATISFACTORY YEAR IN SPITE OF DEPRESSION

"The exceptionally cool and wet weather conditions which prevailed during the whole of last summer were partly responsible for the large decrease in the profits of the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., inasmuch that they substantially reduced the sale of such summer commodities as ice, ice-cream and milk," said Mr. T. E. Pearce, Chairman, at the Annual Meeting of the Company this afternoon.

"These circumstances, therefore," the Chairman continued, "necessitated the strictest economy being introduced." The Chairman was supported by Messrs. S. H. Dodwell, A. B. Stewart, W. G. Goggin, J. Owen Hughes, A. Stevenson (Manager), and J. D. Thomson (Secretary).

The following Shareholders were in attendance: Mrs. Yung Young Shi; Messrs. W. S. Bailey, J. D. Danby, G. Milne, H. G. M. Figueiro, Kwok Hin Wang, G. A. Harrison, A. H. R. Hance, H. C. Watson, A. D. Wylie, Chan Fai Pan, S. H. Ross, and E. W. Gardiner.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

The Chairman, Mr. T. E. Pearce, addressing the Meeting, said:—"Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, I wish to make reference to the lamented death, since our last Annual General Meeting, of Mr. J. P. Warren. Mr. Warren was a director of this Company for 10 years, joining the Board in 1924. His presence on the Directorate will be greatly missed."

"The profit on working account for the year ended December 31 last, amounts to \$580,648.93 which is \$126,988.48 less than was shown last year, a reduction of approximately 15 per cent. Although the existing economic conditions are reflected to a considerable extent in the accounts before you to-day there is another factor to which I feel reference is necessary. I refer to the exceptionally cool and wet weather conditions which prevailed almost continuously through the whole of last summer. Our sales of summer commodities, in particular Ice, Ice Cream, and Milk, were affected to a very serious degree."

"Despite the fact that the weather conditions last summer adversely affected the profits for the year, your Directors and executive have not lost sight of the fact that difficult times and more competitive conditions have to be faced. The necessity, therefore, of practising economy is fully recognized and with this end in view the operating of all departments has been subjected to the closest investigation during the period under review and savings have been effected in various directions."

DEPRECIATION LOSS

"You will observe that the amount of depreciation written off this year is rather less than previously. In past years, no fixed policy regarding depreciation has been in operation, but schedules of Property Plant,

etc., have now been prepared and the matter will be dealt with in future on a more accurate and scientific basis.

"If you will refer to the assets side of the Balance Sheet you will note a transfer from Premium on Shares account to Cattle account of \$278,224.02. The object of this transfer is to bring the book value of the Herd into line with present day replacement costs. In recent years heavy purchases of Cattle had to be made when first costs and freight rates were high and exchange low. I refer in particular to the purchases made in 1931, which amounted to \$382,000. Fortunately a suitable Reserve was available to cover this writing down, leaving the ordinary Cattle Reserve Account intact."

"You will note that the Herd now stands in the Books at practically the same figure as Cattle Reserve, i.e., \$450,000.00, a very desirable and satisfactory position considering the difficulties and risks inseparable from Dairy Farming. Further to the Cattle question we have this year, in order to ensure as far as possible an even annual charge on account of Cattle losses which, as you will appreciate, may, vary considerably from year to year, a Cattle wastage account was opened. You will observe that after charging the actual Cattle Losses for this year, a balance of \$10,328.89 remains at credit of the account forming the nucleus of a reserve for the future."

"Turning to the liabilities side of the Balance Sheet you will see that the balance of Premium on shares account amounting to \$104,545.98 has been transferred to General Reserve account thus bringing the same to \$279,545.98."

Bonus to Staff

"I do not think that further comment relative to the accounts is necessary. A bonus of 5 per cent. to the staff, who have worked exceedingly well in a difficult year, has been provided out of working account as against a bonus of 15 per cent. voted them last year."

"The amount for distribution, including the sum of \$64,981.63 brought forward from last year amounts to \$498,200.10. It is proposed to deal with this sum in the following manner:—

"To pay a Dividend of \$1.50 per share on 251,430 shares amounting to \$377,145.00
"Add to General Reserve 20,454.02
"Transfer to Staff Superannuation Fund 20,000.00
"To carry forward 80,601.08
"I trust these appropriations meet with your approval."

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TRADE AGREEMENT RESULTS

Imports Exceed Exports In Britain

London, To-day.

In replying to a Parliamentary question yesterday, Colonel Colville of the Department of Overseas Trade, said he was aware that British imports from the countries with whom the trade agreements had been concluded considerably exceeded British exports to those countries.

He pointed out, however, that as a result of those agreements, British trade with those countries was developing very satisfactorily in many respects, and that the imports from them consisted to a considerable extent of raw materials and articles mainly manufactured in those countries.

To-day's Short Story.

STERN CHASE

By Capt. F. H. Shaw

IN the Channel that wintry night the fog was growing thicker than ever, thick enough, it seemed, to blanket the wailing sirens and destroy all sense of distance. Skipper Lorton, snuggled in the wheelhouse of the trawler Sure Hope, cursed the fog, cursed the sea, and most bitterly of all did he curse a towering liner that ramped past his wallowing little ship so closely that her fish-pens for-ard were flooded with the giant's exhaust water.

"Blistered murderers!" he called into the thickness through funnelled hands. A thin, derisive voice from high above asked him why his foghorn was not sounding, and the skipper swallowed wrathfully.

"Hark to that!" he implored Tom Watkins, at the trawler's wheel. "Murderin' custards! And blamin' us—us!" He jerked the whistle lanyard in a fit of spleen, but the thin wall seemed to come back from the fog as does the glare of a motor's headlights, without penetrating.

"They've got no manners, them lardy-dary big-ship men," he complained. "Think they're lords of all creation, sink 'em! Who'd sell a farm an' go to sea, anyways—specially at Christmas time?"

"Ah—too true, too true!" growled Watkins sympathetically, and spat with emphasis through the open lee window of the wheelhouse. "It'd do 'em good, the perishers, to serve a spell in trawlers—teach 'em manners."

"That's why-for I made my boy Jim work up with me afore lettin' him sail foreign," mentioned the purple-faced skipper.

"Ar!" said Watkins, never famous for garrulity, though as good a man at a ship's wheel in hard weather as the whole coastwise trade could show.

"I've hopes o' that boy o' mine, Tom," he confided, not for the first or even the fifty-first time. "Here comes another blistered killer-ship!" Almost over his stern a raucous siren rip-ripped its tumultuous warning, and, glancing aft out of the window, Lorton had the impression of a towering black cliff rearing to

smash him down to mangled wreckage.

"Hard a port, Tom!" he muttered, and the wheel whirled. The Sure Hope was plucked miraculously from the jaws of destruction; and again the scathing criticisms of the mighty came down from the density above as the liner, ramped past. Her scuttles shed a muffled glow through the fog, and music was audible—mocking music, it seemed to the skipper.

"Hark to 'em!" he snorted. "Fiddlin' while Rome's a-burnin'! A fat lot they care for such small fry as us, as they can carve into chunks 'thout scratchin' their paint, 'most!"

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "The Tobacco Jar," by B. O. Byass.

"Ain't that true?" ruminated Tom Watkins. The Sure Hope swung and rolled in the liner's swell like an inebriated cork, but the sure-footed men took no notice of the disturbance. The skipper hacked himself a pipeful of tobacco off a sweating plug traded from a Dutch smuggler, filled the charred bowl, and lighted the pipe with noisy puffs.

"It don't look like thinnin' off any, Tom," he estimated.

"Thickenin', more likely."

"We might slip out clear o' the traffic lane, if so be we had a mind," said Lorton oratorically, with the pipe going to his satisfaction, "an' leave things clear for these rum-bustious, hell-for-leather big ships. But why should we? I asks you, Tom Watkins, why should we?"

"Ar—why?"

"Ain't we got as much right to deep water as them thrusters? Sparrows deserve their food so much as eagles."

"It's a fact."

"That's what I taught my boy—an' many a clouted ear he got in the larnin'. Ay, an' many a rope's end I frayed."

"I was thinkin' Roysterin' Lad's a pretty sure thing for the Winter Handicap," opined Forsyth, who, like all trawler-men, specialised in the form of horses and spent all his leisure and most of his hard won cash in following the gee-gees. "I'll give ye me reasons, Skipper." He did, argumentatively, almost bellicosely; and was only interrupted by a fierce raw blast from right above his head.

"Losh! Am'chity!" he quavered, "he's intill us!" Had anyone other than Skipper Lorton been in charge of the Sure Hope's destinies she must have been cut in two, to sink like any stone. Those on her deck had an awe-inspiring sense of doom—something that towered like Alisa Craig above was there, a curl of white at its forefoot—dull glimmers of light from portholes made haloes in the fog. Forsyth held on to the whistle lanyard until it seemed the din would burst his eardrums; all hands turned out to tell the stranger what honest fisherfolk thought of his blundering inefficiency. Lorton and Tom Watkins between them worked another miracle; but not completely.

There was a screech of torn metal, the bursting of timbers; the Sure Hope staggered and heeled until a vast welter of whole water swamped her decks, washing the boards of the fish-pens wildly this way and that, until most of them slid overseas.

There was a feeling, persisting for definite moments, that the trawler would be thrust clean under; but she recovered; and before she swung upright again, Skipper Lorton funnelled his hands to yell:

"You blistered murderers! Ship ahoy—what ship's that?"

Faintly, from ahead and far above, came a derisive call of: "Thank you, no flash to-night!"

"Get his name an' come from!" barked the skipper. "I'll make him pay dear for this, the—bully—ing, rip-morin' son of a sea-cook! Get his name, someone!"

Three men yelled, in solo and chorus, demanding information: "The black menace was swallowed in the yellow blanket before the echoes ceased." "Get his name!" "Anyone get his name?"

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REALLY OUTSTANDING VALUES

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"RECORD HAUL"

39 Chinese Charged With Gambling

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"This is a record haul," remarked Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Mok Kuen, unemployed, Tang Kwan, shop-fok, and Mak Tai, a bailiff at the Supreme Court, and 36 other Chinese were brought before him on charges of keeping a common gambling house and gambling on the second floor of No. 1 Bridges Street last evening.

The \$75 bail deposited by the first defendant was estreated for his failing to appear in court, while the second and third defendants were fined \$150 and \$75, respectively, on the charge of keeping a gambling house. Tang Kwan had a previous conviction. Twenty-seven were fined \$3, while five others who failed to come to court had their bail of \$5 each estreated.

It was stated that the defendants were playing *fan tan*. When it was revealed that \$17 was "picked up," His Worship said: "That's better, and ordered it to be put into the poor box."

DRUG ADDICTS IN TIENTSIN

260 Undergoing Free Treatment

There are 260 addicts receiving free treatment at the anti-drug clinic in Tientsin, according to statistics issued by the officials of the clinic, who have recommended that the first batch of 80 who will soon be completely cured of the habit, be employed by the Bureau of Public Works as labourers.

STRACHEY ON RAIL

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An earlier message stated that Mr. Strachey, who is on a lecturing tour of the United States, was alleged to have falsely sworn a denial that he advocated the forcible overthrow of the United States Government.

He was arrested after he had addressed a meeting in the Jewish Temple at Glencoe, Illinois, on the grounds that he had declared himself a Communist, which in their view rendered his deportation mandatory.

SHANGHAI-CANTON TELEPHONE

Hopes Of Opening On April 1

Nanking. Work on the installation of the long-distance telephone service between Shanghai and Canton is nearing completion, according to information from the Ministry of Communications.

Tests are to be conducted in the middle of this month and, if they prove satisfactory, the service will be officially inaugurated on April 1.—(Chekiat Agency).

JUDICIAL CHANGES IN NANKING

Metropolitan District Court Created

Nanking. The Kiangning (Nanking) District Court is to be re-named the Metropolitan District Court and will be under the direct jurisdiction of the Ministry of Justice, it is announced. The budget of the Court for the current fiscal year will be increased by \$70,000.—(Chekiat Agency).

"AUTOMOBELLES"

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TO START ON MONDAY
An earlier cable stated that plain-clothes policemen and policewomen in "plain-clothes" cars are to be used in London to trap motorists exceeding 80 m.p.h. in built-up areas, beginning on Monday next. Saloons, tourers, and commercial cars will be used, sometimes driving at 80 m.p.h.

Anyone who overtakes a police car will be signalled to halt by the sounding of a gong and the display of police notices on the car. No cautionary letters or verbal warnings will be made, that offenders will be summoned. The penalty for a first offence will not exceed £20 and for a second offence £50, but licenses will not be endorsed.—Reuter.

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CATHAY	15,200	6th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
*BEHAR	6,100	13th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London
CORFU	15,000	20th Apr.	Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
*SOUDAN	7,000	27th Apr.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg
RANCHI	17,000	4th May	Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
NALDERA	16,000	18th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BURDWAN	6,000	25th May	DO
RANPURA	17,000	1st June	Marseilles, Havre, London, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
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CORFU	14,500 22nd Mar.	S'hai, Kobe, Yokohama.
NELLORE	7,000 3rd Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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SECRETS FOR SOCCER SUCCESS

(Continued From Page 5).
Once you have possession of the ball, it is your own responsibility to decide what to do with it. In any event you must keep it safe, by preventing the opponents from gaining possession. Whether you pass, advance, or retreat, depends entirely upon the circumstances at the moment.

No Fixed Methods
If you decide to retain possession of the ball, temporarily, your tactics will be determined by your training, experience, and personal methods. There is no fixed method of doing anything in football. I could tell you how to kick the ball, how to trap and pass it, but, possibly, you know of methods which suit your style much better than those which I normally adopt.

As a good, general method of keeping the ball safe, however, I would advise having it as closely as possible to your feet. Some men can advance the ball by keeping it a yard or two in front of them all the time. But obviously this is inclined to be hazardous, unless you are very skilful.

In the same way, the safest method of advancing the ball is by means of short, quick passes. Nevertheless, this does not mean that the long pass cannot be employed efficiently and successfully.

All in all, I think we have to agree that the qualities which make a successful team are inter-dependent. Positional play, ball control, defensive schemes, and forward line tactics are all closely related. And, everything depends upon the manner in which the abilities of eleven players are moulded into one harmonious combination.

SATURDAY'S CLIMAX TO CAER CLARK HOCKEY CUP SERIES

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When it was thought that the Saints must win by virtue of their three goals' lead over the "Y" Ladies, who, however, surprised the critics by staging a brilliant comeback in the second half to draw level.

In their last encounter the Champions and the Saints shared the spoils in a goalless draw.

The Saints have proved that the three-back idea is a practical one when played against a team with a not too strong forward line, but they failed in their objective when they met the "Y" Ladies, whose three inside forwards wreaked havoc with their unorthodox defence.

The Saints will probably be playing the same formation on Saturday, and the Hong Kong Ladies would do wisely to follow the example of the "Y" Ladies who concentrated on their wingers and inside-forwards.

The following are the probable teams:-

St. Andrew's Ladies:- L. Jorge; G. White and E. Lundolt; I. Woolley, J. Wong and P. Everest; F. Wong, I. Gittins, Mrs. G. White, P. Gittins and M. Churn.
Hong Kong Ladies:- B. Harce; E. Gray and E. Heibling; C. Ferguson, N. McKenna and J. Smalley; W. Marsh, J. Dalziel, Mrs. Harrop, Mrs. Moutrie and A. Jacks.

2nd ENGLAND INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY TRIAL THIS AFTERNOON

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May displaces S. Fowler as right-winger, while G. Fowler makes an appearance at inside-right in support of Reeks, of the Lincolns, Dawson and Toynce, complete the team.

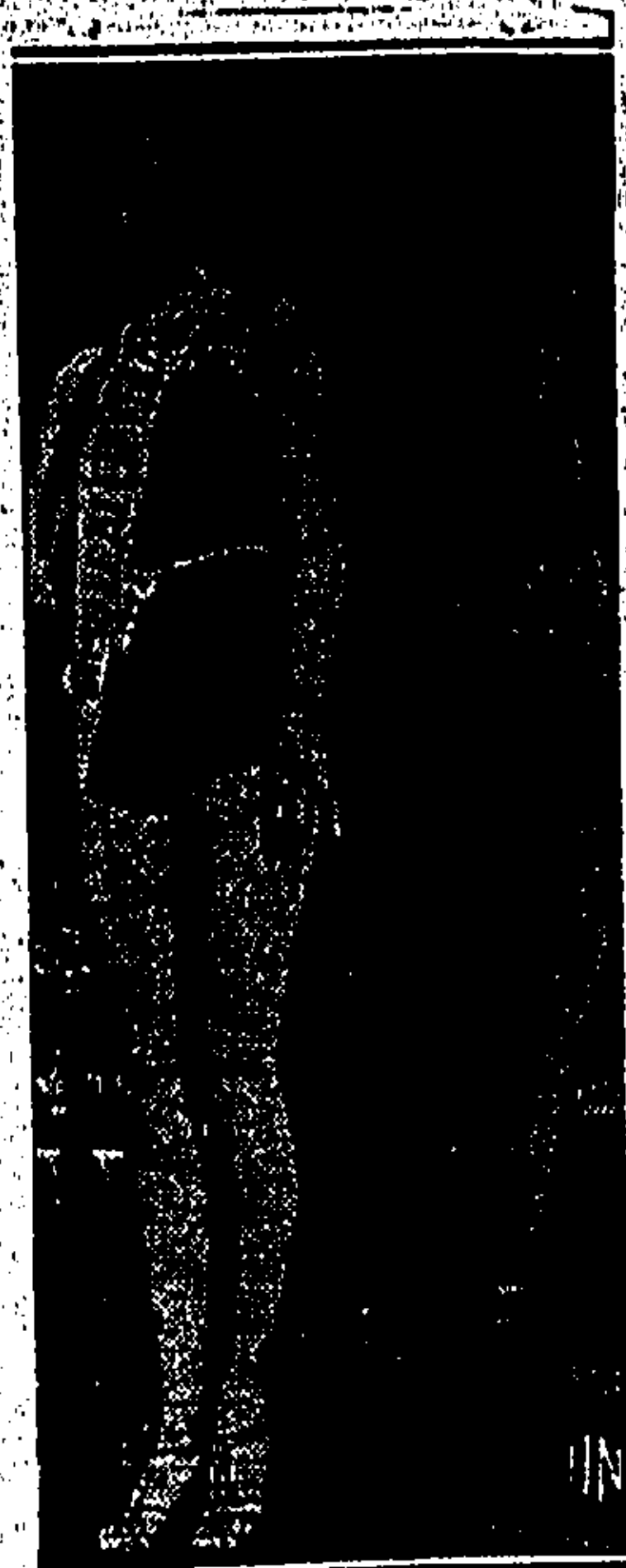
In Whites' side, E. V. Reed will appear at left-back, instead of Bentley while W. A. Reed, Gough, and Williams comprise the half-backs.

W. A. Reed is a certainty for the team, while Williams and Farmer also merit inclusion by their consistently good displays.

Divett and Garthwaite, the inter-club right-wing formation, will again be seen together, while Senior leads the line with Parker, of the Police, and Taylor, of the Lincolns, on his left.

The game commences at 5.15 p.m. and the teams are:-

Colours:- F. Fowler (Y.M.C.A.), Melville (H.K.S.R.A.) and Cox (E. Lancers); Neighbour (E. Lancers), Yemm (Lincolns) and E. Jones (Y.M.C.A.); May (Stignals), G. Fowler (Y.M.C.A.); Reeks (Lincolns), Dawson (E. Lancers) and Toynce (Lincolns).
Whites:- Jackson (Police); Kennedy (E. Lancers) and E. V. Reed (Club); W. A. Reed (Club), Gough (Police) and Williams (E. Lancers); Divett (Club), Garthwaite (H.K.S.R.A.); Senior (A.E.C.), Parker (Police) and Taylor (Lincolns).



Marjorie Gayle, aged 18, of Ames, Ia., was picked as possessor of the girl with the "most beautiful back profile" in a New York contest judged by artists.

H. K. GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Sir W. Hornell Appeals For More Support

At the annual meeting of the Graduates' Association, held in the Jacobean Room, Hong Kong Hotel, last evening, an appeal for graduates to take more interest in the University and the Association was made by Sir William Hornell, Vice-Chancellor of the University.

Many guests of the Vice-Chancellor were present at a tea which was given prior to the meeting, and in the course of a short address he welcomed all who had accepted his invitation. He hoped all graduates would keep in touch with the University as the University wanted their help and co-operation in all sorts of ways. Nearly all the Universities were having difficult times and the Hong Kong University was no exception.

Dr. K. D. Ling, secretary, presented the report.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:- President, Dr. D. K. Samy; vice-President, Dr. T. Y. Li; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. S. V. Gittins; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Chan Chek-wah committee, Miss E. Thom, Mr. H. Hong Sling, Dr. P. Ruttonjee, Miss E. Ho, Mr. H. Braga, Dr. K. D. Ling, Miss K. Lai and Dr. Yan Lin.

FRENCH LIBRARY Annual Meeting At Consulate

The annual meeting of the French Library was held at the French Consulate yesterday afternoon, with M. M. J. B. Montargis, the president, in the chair.

M. Montargis expressed satisfaction at the successful state of affairs of the library, which was started 12 years ago. It is now in a very good financial state, and had substantial balances both in Paris and in Hong Kong.

M. Soulange-Telsier, the Consul, was elected President, while M. Lorisgnol was elected Secretary. Sir Robert Ho Tung was elected member D'Honneur.

On the motion of M. Montargis it was decided unanimously to nominate M. Dufaur de la Prade, the Consul General for France in Milan, and one of the founders of the library, as Honorary President in view of the deep interest he had always taken in the Library, and in order that his name might always be associated with the library.

Among the many present were Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messieurs Croucher, Devaux, de Precourt, Eville, Guernieu, Montargis, Barrault, Van Wylick, Misses Melville, Caudron, Tassart, Messrs. C. Arnulphy, Delscourt, S. de Champs, C. de Precourt, H. Evellie, J. Guernieu, Lambert, P. Trumphy, Silver Fox, Soldier of Russia, The Mink, The Omdanwan, The Pike, The Rain Gauge, The Snipe, The Vulture, The White, The Time, The Yellow, The Zebra.

CLUB DEFEAT H.K.S.R.A.

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Gregory had very little to do in the Club goal. Perse being the only one to bother him in the first half. Both goals scored against him were deflected off the defenders' sticks.

Reed's Outstanding Game
Both backs, Potter and E. V. Reed, combined well and checked many swift attacks led by Perse, the Brigade's new leader.

Reed was outstanding for his great anticipation, while Potter was seen in some spectacular first-time clearances. His one fault was that he often unsighted Gregory.

In the intermediate line, W. A. Reed was again the outstanding figure at centre-half, and stopped Perse's every movement. Sommers, on his left, supported him well.

Senior Very Fast
The four forwards made a very dangerous combination and kept the opposing defence continually at work. Senior led them well and was far too quick for Ravenhill, the opposing pivot, who was playing well below his usual form.

S. Reed and Mackay had very little to do in the numerous attacks but were useful when in the circle.

For the losers, Garthwaite at inside-right, was their best player, while Tara Singh, at right-half, played a steady defensive game, allowing Mackay very little rope.

Club Score First

The Club, starting with three forwards, opened their account within the first ten minutes, when they forced their way through and netted through Senior. S. Reed soon added the next with a short drive.

The score remained at 2 nil for the Club until after the interval, and it was not until after fifteen minutes play that S. Reed gave them their third goal with a well-placed drive from the circle's edge.

After this, the military team took up the offensive and Garthwaite sent in a hard drive from a short corner, the ball being deflected off Potter's stick into the net. The next goal came within the last five minutes, when Khuda Bux received the ball in the circle near the dead line and flicked it in, and after hitting two of the defenders' sticks, it entered the net.

Club:- C. L. Gregory; J. E. Potter and E. V. Reed; J. L. Tetley, W. Reed and G. Somers; G. E. R. Divett, P. H. Senior, S. Reed and N. A. E. Mackay.

H.K.S.R.A.:- Feroz Khan; Metcalfe and Kishan Singh; Tara Singh, Ravenhill and Bachan Singh; Khuda Bux, Garthwaite, Perse, Khuda Bux and Chaja Singh.

JOCKEY CLUB PONY CLASSIFICATION

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Foxbridge, Gay Crusader, Gold Coin, Harvest View, Heart's Desire, High Honour, High Speed, Iron Cross, Jolly Eyes, Jungle Jim, Mayflower, Mersey, Mistake Bay, Monoplane, Night View, Pacific Hall, Plain View, Pontiac Bay, Popular Star, Racing Boy, Racing Pluck, Rousseau, Royal Romance, Sacajawes, Socrates, Soldier of Honour, Soldier of Peace, Soldier of Victory, Spinaway, Sylvanide, Tammany Hall, The Tiger, Trowbridge, Twenty Grand, Valorous, Victoria Hall, Voltaire, Wayward Stag, West Parade, What a Chance, Ythan.

"D" Class:- Belmont Star, Beta, Bold Captain, Bold Major, Boxing Eve, Budge, Burgomaster, Chesterfield, Chief Seattle, Chivalrous, Chow Fan, Classic Hall, Copper Idol, Delightful Chance, Double Chance, Emergency Call, Festival Eve, Fl-Pa, Fudge, Glad Eyes, Glittering Glory, Gold Bullion, Gold Currency, Gold Flicker, Great Hall, Heart's Glory, Helber Skelter, Hay Tor, High Principles, Independence Day, Good Time, Invermark, Jynahide, Knight, Iron Grey, King's Parade, King's Worthy, Light Brigade, Lime-light, Linclun, Little Beauty, Lucky Strike, Matinee Idol, National Day, Nebular Star, No Fear, Partnership, Philanderer, Pride of Tsingtao, Propitious Time, Sandy Bay, Sarabande, Sol-Fa, Seventeenth of September, Solar Star, Soldier of Fortune, Soldier of Italy, Soldier of Mongolia, Sports Idol, Starlight, St. Jovis, Steadfast, Stratamant, Surprise, The Gethat, The "Deemster", Tillum, Tin Ho, Tiny Star, Touchstones, Tront, Vago, Valley View, Wadebridge, Warlington, Warrior of a Nation, What About That, William Oiler, Young Chap, Young Chief, Zero.

"E" Class:- Adventurer, Banjoline, Beginner's Luck, Blacksmith, Black Velvet, Chow Min, City of Shanghai, Clyde, Coppermirth, Dare Devil, Ebony Idol, Estrella, Felbridge, Flamingo, Forgotten, Forget-me-not, Gold West, Hot Heels, Kinde, Latkat, Lead-Ing, Bo, Lion-Hunter, Lookalike Hall, No Can, Now's the Time, Pavane, Racing Luck, Racing Spirit, Racing on March 31, Silver Fox, Soldier of Russia, The Mink, The Omdanwan, The Pike, The Rain Gauge, The Snipe, The Vulture, The White, The Time, The Yellow, The Zebra.

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THE H.K. ENGLISH FORUM

Interesting Topic At Fortnightly Meeting

HIKE ARRANGED FOR MARCH 31

A pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent by members of the Hong Kong English Forum at their fortnightly meeting at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Bridges Street, last night. Mr. W. C. Young, president, was in the Chair.

"That Women Should Be Given Equal Rights, Politically and Economically" formed an interesting topic for discussion.

This topic disposed of, it was decided that a hiking tour to Ching Yee, New Territory, should be made on March 31. Refreshments were served, and Miss Mary Tang provided piano music during the evening.

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Reuter Quotations

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Oct.	10.76	10.95	10.90		
N.Y. Rubber					
July	11.71	11.77	11.61		
Sept.	11.88	11.93	12.00		
G. Wheat May	93 1/2		93 1/2		
July	93 1/2		93 1/2		
C. Corn May	79 1/2		79 1/2		
W. Wheat May	93 1/2		93 1/2		
STOCKS					
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Du Pont	88	88	88 1/2		
Elec. Bond & Sh.	4 1/4	4	4		
General Motors	26 1/2	27	27		
Int. Tel. & Tel.	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2		
W. Wheat May	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2		
Montgomery W.	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2		
Nat. Oil	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2		
N.Y. Central	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2		
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DAIRY FARM CO. MEETING

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"With regard to the proposal to place \$20,000 to the credit of Staff Superannuation Fund I might explain that a scheme of allowances for Chinese members of the staff was instituted several years ago, and under this arrangement, grants are made to dependents of deceased members of the staff who have served the Company over a period of years, and also to Chinese employees who find it necessary to retire from the Company's employment. Although the scheme has been in force for several years the calls upon us have so far been comparatively light, but as a good number of employees have now qualified for benefit, the creation of a reserve in order to meet our obligations is considered desirable.

New Chilling Rooms
"When addressing you from the chair last year I referred to the two new chilling rooms in the course of erection at our East Point installation. You will be pleased to know that the rooms were completed in May last, and, as the demand for chilling accommodation has been well maintained, the expenditure incurred has been fully justified.

"I am also pleased to report the purchase of the undertaking known as Hong Kong Cold Storage Co., Ltd., has proved to be a successful venture. During the year we extended this installation by the erection of an additional chilling room and ice store. This replaces the ice store we have for many years operated in Pottinger Street. It has also been necessary to purchase some additional refrigerating, Dairy, Ice Cream and Soda Fountain machinery. These various items account mainly for the addition of \$148,642.90 to our fixed assets.

"Although expenditure on Repairs and Renewals is less than for some years past, all your Buildings, Machinery and Property have been maintained to a high standard."

MR. DANBY'S SPEECH

In rising to second the adoption of the report and accounts, Mr. J. D. Danby said: "I am sure Shareholders agree with me that the figures presented are very satisfactory when one considers the general state of depression that prevailed in Hong Kong during the year under consideration.

"Our Chairman has given us such lucid details that there remains little for me to comment on.

"However, turning to the Balance Sheet there is one item under the heading of Liabilities which, frankly I do not like to see under this heading and that is "Provident Fund Account, \$99,560.16". Funds of this description, which are partly contributed by employees of the Company should not be subject to the prosperity of the Company. I understand the Directors have a scheme underway whereby these funds are to be handed over to Trustees, and I trust this will be done as soon as possible.

"With these few remarks I have much pleasure in seconding the Re-

RUMOUR REFUTED BY CANTON

Kwangtung And Canton Governments

NO RESHUFFLE TO BE MADE

Canton, to-day.

In a press interview yesterday, Mr. Hsiao Fu-chen refuted the rumour concerning a re-shuffle of the Kwangtung Provincial and the Canton Municipal Governments.

He declared that such a rumour is a pure fabrication and is intended to disturb the peace of Canton and make important officials uneasy.

Furthermore, he stated that he discussed the matter with General Chen Chi-tang and Chairman Lin Yuen-kai after the regular meeting of the Southwest Executive Committee of Kuomintang on Monday last and they thought the rumour ridiculous. In conclusion, Mr. Hsiao said that he would be responsible if the rumour proved correct.

—Central Press.

SIGNATURE OF SINO-JAPANESE PACT CERTAIN

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Japan, he said, because Sino-Japanese co-operation was urged by the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen in his last public address in Kobe on November 28, 1924.

Sir Alexander Cadogan, British Minister to China, was expected to arrive in Nanking yesterday in order to find out how the situation stands between China and Japan.

With Japanese assistance, Mr. Wang Ching-wei is consolidating his position against his critics and has made it impossible for Mr. Hu Han-min to go to Nanking. Mr. Hu is not in favour of the pro-Japan policy, which, he said leads to Japanese control over China.

BANDITS DEFEATED IN KIANGSI

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Another report from the same general states that two regiments of his troops, which were ordered to suppress remnant bandits in the east of Shengpei, Tai-chu-tow, and On-sik, wiped out a band of outlaws also on Saturday. Over 100 of them were killed, many captured and a number of weapons seized. The survivors escaped to the mountains with the troops pursuing.—Central Press.

port of the Directors and adoption of the Accounts as presented."

The Chairman confirmed Mr. Danby's remarks concerning the Provident Fund Account, and said that the matter was "occupying the Directors' attention."

Directors Re-Elected
Mr. W. S. Bailey proposed and Mr. E. W. Gardiner seconded that Messrs. T. E. Pearce and J. Owen Hughes be re-elected Directors.

The re-election of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, as auditors, was proposed by Mr. J. H. E. Hance, and seconded by Mr. H. J. M. Figueroa.

MR. MACDONALD OUTLINES REASONS FOR WHITE PAPER

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"Some of us who are peace lovers were not satisfied to give voice to the well used and familiar formula," Mr. MacDonald continues. "We were determined to work to make the conditions hard for aggressors and not to allow nations who did not appreciate our efforts to assume that our peace lead meant that we had ceased to take practical interest in opposing tendencies making for War.

DEFENCE NOT TO BE NEGLECTED

"The 'White Paper' makes it clear that, whilst peace is our policy, we shall not neglect obvious defence. The Paper is issued by the Government after full consideration and a very careful review, extended over many months, during which all aspects have been debated and examined as a contribution to peace. Were it not a peace document, I should never have agreed to its issue. Peace is its purpose throughout.

"For years we have set an example to the world in disarmament. Most elementary necessities in our defence have been neglected. We felt that even to replace one gun might have been advertised as a departure from our peace and disarmament policy. We have made proposals for international agreements on armaments, and have not always waited for their acceptance before doing something to carry them out ourselves.

NATIONS NOT BLIND

"The 'White Paper' does nothing, except in the possible case of air estimates, to increase our power of offence. If our moral gestures cannot protect the world from increasing offensive armaments, we must take steps to make collective security more than words and to protect our civilians against attack. I cannot believe the great nations are blind to the dangers they run in refusing to come to the Disarmament Conference and to make agreements at them which will neither threaten their own nor any other nations' security," he concluded.—British Wireless Service.

RANGERS V. HEARTS IN SEMI FINAL

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Hamilton Academicals were beaten in the Second Round last year by Falkirk.

NINE SUCCESSES

The Rangers have held the Scottish Cup on nine occasions, four times within the last seven years, including the 1908-9 season when they should have met Celtic in the Final, but the Cup was withheld. The Hearts have won the trophy on four occasions, the last time being in the 1905-06 season.

Neither of the other two teams have won the trophy.

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